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INTRODUCTION.

THE ARCHIVES of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts contain the earliest Masonic Records now known to be in existence on this continent. Those of the Provincial Grand Lodge, organized by Henry Price in 1733, generally known as Saint John's Grand Lodge (Moderns), and those of the Massachusetts Provincial Grand Lodge, organized by Joseph Warren in 1769 (Ancients), are set forth in this volume, as nearly as possible *verbatim et literatim.*

We have also in our archives the following described Records of subordinate Lodges:

I. RECORD OF THE FIRST LODGE IN BOSTON, from December 27, 1738 (O. S.), to July 24, 1754.

II. RECORD OF THE SECOND LODGE IN BOSTON, from December 21, 1761, to February 16, 1775.

III. RECORD OF THE MASTERS' LODGE IN BOSTON, from January 2, 1738 (O. S.), to January 15, 1783.

The Records of these three Lodges furnish considerable information as to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. For the first half century of their existence the history of the Grand Lodge and of the First Lodge, so far as we know it, seems to have been curiously intermingled. The Records of one Body frequently report transactions of the other. The First Lodge was often called the "Mother Lodge," and Grand Master Gardner said its Records "gave a better account of Masonry in Boston than the proceedings of the

Grand Lodge, and minute and full accounts of the progress of the Craft here were set out upon its pages." This intermingling may have been due, in part, to the fact that both Records were for a time the work of the same Brother.

Peter Pelham was made a Mason in the First Lodge in Boston on the 8th of November, 1738. On the 26th of December, 1739, he was elected Secretary, and the Record of that meeting is entered in a new and beautiful handwriting, and the same style is continued for five years. He served in that office until September 26, 1744, when he was succeeded by his son Charles. The Record of the Lodge recites that on the 8th of August, 1744, "Brother Price proposed Mr. Charles Pelham as a Candidate." He was accepted on the 22d of the same month, and on the 12th of September "was made a Mason in due Form." On the 26th it was "Voted, That our late Sec^r, Bro. P. Pelham, be paid Ten Pounds, with the Thanks of the Society for his past Services"; also "Voted, That Bro. Charles Pelham be Secretary, in the Room of Our Late Sec^r, who has laid it down." He served the Lodge in that capacity until July 24, 1754, (when the volume ends,) and perhaps longer. This is the only book of Records of the First Lodge in Boston now known to exist. The penmanship of both these Secretaries is bold, clear, and beautiful, as distinct as when first executed, and as well done as it could be to-day.

It will be observed that the first nine pages of the "Proceedings in Masonry" of Saint John's Provincial Grand Lodge are occupied with copies of Deputations and memoranda of some of the principal Masonic events which had occurred in America between the 30th of July, 1733, and February 6, 1750 (O. S.). The Record proper, or the contemporaneous Record, commences April 13, 1750, and immediately follows the memoranda. We must, therefore, conclude that the latter were entered in the volume at or about the time that the Record proper commences. We believe the handwriting to be that of Charles Pelham. His name appears first, in the capacity of Grand Secretary, in the Record of June 24, 1751, and his service in the office appears,

from the change in handwriting, to have ended with the meeting of January 20, 1752, although no successor is named until July 10, 1752. The records of Trinity Church, in Boston, where he had long worshipped, show that Peter Pelham, the father of Charles, was buried December 14, 1751. The death of the father may account for the termination of the service of the son as Grand Secretary one month later, although he continued to act as Secretary of the First Lodge for two years and a half longer.

The Records of Massachusetts Grand Lodge are continuous from December 27, 1769, when that Provincial Grand Lodge was organized, until March 5, 1792, when the two Grand Lodges were united. The principal interruption was when "the Town was Blockaded." Joseph Warren presided for the last time on the 3d of March, 1775, then followed the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill, and no Record appears until the 27th of December, 1776, when the Brethren assembled to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. It is singular that no reference is made to the funeral of Grand Master Warren, which was held on the 8th of April, 1776. The remains were borne in solemn procession to King's Chapel, where the Grand Marshal, Perez Morton, delivered a eulogy, which has often been compared to the oration of Mark Antony over the dead body of Cæsar. In the meantime the town had been evacuated and General Gage and the Tory Refugees had fled to Halifax. The meetings were resumed, an independent Grand Lodge was organized by the election of Grand Master Webb, and an unbroken Record was kept until the Union.

The St. John's Grand Lodge was not so fortunate. The Record stops abruptly with the meeting of January 27, 1775, and is not resumed until the 17th of February, 1787. Brother Charles W. Moore, in his memoir of John Cutler, expresses the opinion that the meetings were suspended during the period named "in consequence of the war and the general dispersion which seems to have taken place among the Brethren." Following this opinion, it has generally been supposed, and in fact has been assumed by all our historians,

that Saint John's Grand Lodge and its subordinates held no Communications from the 27th of January, 1775, until the 17th of February, 1787. We are strongly inclined to doubt the correctness of this general belief in so protracted an interruption of the work of the St. John's Lodges and Grand Lodge. The opinion probably had its origin in the fact that the Records of the meetings of the Grand Lodge held on the dates last named are on opposite pages, and no allusion is made to any interruption or to any meetings held during the interval.

The Grand Secretary in 1775 was Thomas Brown. He was also the Secretary of the Second Lodge, of which his last Record was under date of February 16, 1775. He probably remained shut up in Boston, while it was occupied by General Gage, and during that period it is hardly to be supposed that any Masonic meetings could have been held. When the evacuation took place, our "Tory" Brother Brown sought refuge in Halifax, taking his Records with him.

One year after peace was concluded, Brother Brown wrote to Grand Master Rowe, offering to return the Records, upon payment of the amount which he claimed to be due him. (See p. 416.) Nearly three years elapsed before this proposal was accepted. Six months after the death of Grand Master Rowe provision was made for the payment of Brother Brown's claim, and the precious Records were returned. The volume belonging to the Grand Lodge has furnished the first two hundred and twenty-five pages of these "Proceedings in Masonry."

We can readily understand that the exigencies of the times seriously interfered with the regular and orderly practice of the duties of Masonry, at the customary Stated Communications, by the First and Second Lodges and the Saint John's Grand Lodge. It does not, however, seem probable that those organizations omitted their assemblies entirely for twelve years; especially in view of the fact that the Massachusetts Grand Lodge and its subordinates held their Communications with great regularity during the whole

period. It seems much more probable that meetings were held and the Record is lost. We narrowly escaped an irreparable loss, as already described. If Brother Brown had been an "indifferent Man," if he had not regarded the Records "as consequential Matters," or if he had died before their return, we might have lost them beyond all hope of recovery.

Scraps of evidence are occasionally coming to light which prove that there was some life in the Saint John's Lodges during the period between 1775 and 1787. The diary of Grand Master Rowe (see p. 432) states that he celebrated the Feast of Saint John the Baptist in 1776 with the Brethren of the Lodges under his direction. Diplomas are reported, and are even now extant, which were issued during the period named — notably the diploma of Commodore Samuel Tucker, who was made a Mason in Saint John's Lodge, of Boston, in January, 1779. Reports are given in the newspapers of meetings of Lodges in 1780 (see "Proceedings, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts," 1892, p. 30). The present St. John's Lodge formerly held a Charter issued by authority of John Rowe, Grand Master, and bearing date February 7, 1783.

Fleet's "Pocket Almanack," published in Boston in 1784, states that, on account of the Records of the "First Grand Lodge in Boston" being carried away by Brother Brown, "a particular List of the several Lodges in North America, who received Deputations from, and are under its jurisdiction, cannot at present be obtained. They are in number about Thirty. Those in Boston are, St. John's or 1st Lodge and 2d Lodge, now united in one." Furthermore, the Records of this "united" Lodge from 1783 to the present time are complete and in good condition. The Record of the Masters' Lodge in Boston shows that meetings were held from April, 1780, to January, 1783, although there is a break from April, 1768, to April, 1780.

These items of evidence seem to afford good reason for believing that the Saint John's Lodges and Grand Lodge, between 1775 and 1787, were neither dead, nor absolutely

dormant. We believe they were working during that whole period, but unfortunately the written Record of their doings is lost, as is the case with the First Lodge from 1754 to 1783, and which no one pretends was dead or dormant during most of that interval.

Sereno D. Nickerson,

Recording Grand Secretary.

MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON,
November 11, 1895.

Proceedings in Masonry from its First Origin in North America under our R^t Worsh^l Bro^r Mr Henry Price Grand Master; In ye Year of Masonry 5733. Anno Domini 1733.

5733 July 30. Our R^t Worsh^l Bro^r Mr Henry Price by Virtue of a Commission to him Granted from the R^t Honble and R^t Wors^l Anthoney Lord Viscount Mountague, Grand Master of England, in London to be Provincial Grand Master of North America, over the Ancient and Honble Society of Free and Accepted Masons, did on this day Congregate the Brethren and Form them into a Regular Lodge to be holden at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in King-street on the second and Fourth Wednesday in every Month.

Here follows s^d Commission &c

Montague [SEAL] *G: M.*

To all and every Our R^t Worsh^l Worshipful and Loving Brethren now Residing or who may hereafter Reside in New England,

The R^t Honble and R^t Worsh^l Anthony Lord Viscount Montague Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England,

SENDETH GREETING

Whereas Application has been made unto us by our R^t Worsh and well Beloved Bro^r Mr Henry Price in behalf of himself and several other Brethren now Residing in New England aforesaid Free and Accepted Masons, that We would be pleas'd to Nominate and Appoint a Provincial Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in N: England aforesaid.

NOW KNOW YE That we have Nominated, Ordain'd Constituted and appointed and do by these Presents Nominate, Ordain, Constitute and appoint Our said Worsh^l and well Beloved Bro^r Mr Henry Price, Provincial Grand Master of New England aforesaid and Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging with full power and Authority to Nominate and appoint his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, and We do also hereby Impower the said Mr Henry Price for us and in Our place and Stead, to Constitute the Brethren (Free and Accepted Masons) now Residing or who shall hereafter reside in those parts, into One or more Regular Lodge or Lodges, as he shall think fit, and as often as Occasion shall require, He the said Mr Henry Price, taking special care that all and every Member of any Lodge or Lodges so to be Constituted have been or shall be made Regular Masons, and that they do cause all and every the Regulations Contain'd in the

Printed Book of Constitutions (except so far as they have been alter'd by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly meetings) to be kept and Observ'd and also all such other Rules and Instructions as shall from time to time be Transmitted to him by us or by Thomas Batson Esqr Our Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Master or his Deputy for the time being, and that He the said Mr Henry Price or his Deputy do send to us or Our Deputy Grand Master and to the Grand Master of England or his Deputy for the time being annually, an acco^t in Writing of the number of Lodges so Constituted with the Names of the several Members of each Particular Lodge, together with such other Matters & things as he or they shall think fit to Communicate for the Prosperity of the Craft.

And Lastly we Will and Require that our said Provincial Grand Master of New England do Annually cause the Brethren to keep the Feast of St John the Evangelist, and Dine together on that Day, or (in case any Accident should happen to prevent their Dining together on that Day) on any other Day near that time as he shall Judge most fit as is done here and that at all Quarterly Communications, he do recommend a General Charity to be Establish'd for the Relief of Poor Brethren in those parts.

Given under Our Hand and Seal of office at London the Thirtieth Day of April 1733 & of Masonry 5733.

By the Grand Master's Command

THO^S BATSON D.G.M.
G. ROOKE S.G.W.
J. SMYTHE J.G.W.

The Brethren being Regularly met at the House of Edward Lutwych at ye sign of the Bunch of Grapes in Kingstreet Boston New England on Monday July 30th Anno Domini 1733 anno Masonry 5733. Unanimously agreed to Pettitition our R^t Wors^l Mr Henry Price Provincial Grand Master, to Constitute them into a Regular Lodge, and did according Present him the following Pettitition. Viz^t

To the R^t Worsh^l Brother Mr Henry Price Deputed Provincial Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of New England By Our R^t Worsh^l and Worsh^l Brother and R^t Honourable Anthony Lord Viscount Montague Grand Master of England as p. Deputation seal'd with the Office Seal and sign'd by Our R^t Worsh^l Brothers Thos Batson Esqr Deputy Grand Master, & Geo: Rooke and Ja^s Moor Smythe Esq^rs Grand Wardens Dated in London ye 13th Day of April Anno Domini 1733 & of Masonry 5733

The Humble Pettition of the following subscribers in behalf of themselves and Worsh^l and Ancient Brotherhood belonging to the Society of Free and Accepted Masons now Residing in New England.

SHEWETH That your Pettitioners are very sensible of Honour done to us here by your said Deputation, and forasmuch as We

are a sufficient number of Brethren Regularly made and are now desirous of Enjoying each other, for Our Harmoney together and Union as well as Our Brethren that may at any time arrive here or such as may be made Brothers hereafter that is to say in due Manner and Form Therefore We Request, as well in Our own Name and Names as in the Name and Names of all other Brethren it may Concern, That you will please to give the necessary Orders to all our Brethren within your Limits to give their due Attendance and Assistance in their several and Respective Capacitys towards Constituting a Regular Lodge this Evening at the sign of the Bunch of Grapes in Kingstreet known by the name of the House of Mr Edward Lutwych or at any other place or places as Our said Rt Worshl Grand Master shall think proper to be then and there held and Constituted according to Ancient Custom of Masons, and such Lodges to be held on every second and Fourth Wednesday in each Month for the Common Good of us and Brethren; Your Complyance herein We doubt not will Dedound to the Honour of the Craft, and Encourage many worthy Gentelman to become Brethren and Fellows of this Rt Worshl and Ancient Society, and your Brethren and Pettitioners shall ever Pray.

Dated at Boston in New England July 30th 1733. 5733.

sign'd	James Gordon.	Andrew Belcher.
	John Waddell.	Henry Hope
	Edmd Ellis	Thos Kennelly.
	Wm Gordon	John Quann
	John Baker	Fred: Hamilton
	Thos Moloney	John McNeil
	Andw Halliberton	Peter Hall
	Robt Peasley	Matw Young
	Saml Pemberton	
	John Gordon	

Our said Rt Worsl Grand Master having Form'd a Grand Lodge, appointing Our Rt Worshl Bror Andw Belcher Esqr his D. G: M: and Our Worsl Brethren Thos Kennelly, and John Quann G: Wardens pro tempore, Order'd his Commission or Députation aforesaid to be Read as also Our Pettition and Granting the Prayer thereof, did then and there in the most solemn manner according to Ancient Rt and Custom and the Form prescrib'd in Our Printed Book of Constitutions; Constitute us into a Regular Lodge in manner and Form, upon which We immediately proceeded (By Our said Rt Worshl Grand Masters Order) to Chuse a Master, & Unanimously Chose Our Worshl Bro Henry Hope Esqr Master of this Our New Constituted Lodge, who then Nominated and appointed Our Worshl Brethren Mr Fredk Hamilton, Mr Jas. Gordon his Wardens, to which all the Brethren unanimously Concurr'd, paying the usual Respects to Our said Worshl new Chosen Master and Wardens, and Presenting them to Our Right Worshipful

Grand Master who Caus'd them to be duely Examin'd and being found well Qualified approv'd and Confirm'd them in their several stations by Investing them with the Implements of their Office, giving each his particular Charge and Admonishing the Brethren of the Lodge to due Obedience and submission according to Our Printed Book of Constitutions, Charges and Regulations &c.

(THUS WAS MASONRY FOUNDED IN NEW ENGLAND.)

Decr 5733. Nothing further Remarkable happen'd this Year only the Celebration of the anniversary of St John the Evangelist after the manner of Masons when Our R^{t} Wors^{l} Bro^{r} Mr Ja^{s} Gordon was Chosen Master of the Lodge. Masonry Caus'd great speculation in these Days in New England to the great Vulgar and the small.

5734 June 24. Being the anniversary of St John the Baptist the Brethren Celebrated the Feast in due manner and Form, and chose Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro: Mr Frederick Hamilton Master of the Lodge.

About this time Our Worsh^{l} Bro^{r} Mr Benj^{a} Franklin from Philadelphia became acquainted with Our R^{t} Wors^{l} Grand Master Mr Price, who further Instructed him in the Royal Art, and said Franklin on his Return to Philadelphia call'd the Brethren there together, who pettition'd Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Grand Master for a Constitution to hold a Lodge, and Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Grand Master having this Year Rec^{d} Orders from the Grand Lodge in England to Establish Masonry in all North America did send a Deputation to Philadelphia, appointing the R^{t} Worsh^{l} Mr Benj^{a} Franklin first Master; which is the begining of Masonry there.

Decr 27. Being the Festival of St John the Evangelist it was Celebrated in due Form and manner, when Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Hamilton was Continued Master of the Lodge and further nothing Remarkable happen'd this Year.

5735 June 24. The Festival of St John the Baptist was Celebrated as Usual; Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Mr Ja^{s} Gordon Re-elected Master of the Lodge.

About this Time some Masons met at Portsmouth in the Province of New Hampshire who Pettition'd Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Grand Master Mr Price for a Constitution to hold a Lodge there which he Granted, appointing The R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro M^{r}

In this Year the Lodge was mov'd to the Royal Exchange Tavern in Kingstreat by Leave from the R^{t} Worsh^{l} Grand Master for sufficient Reasons then advanc'd by the Brethren.

5735 Decr 27. Being the Festival of St John the Evangelist it was Celebrated as usual. The R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Mr James Gordon

appointed D. G. M: by Our R^{t} Wors^{l} Grand Master Mr Price; The R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Capt McLean Chosen Master of the Lodge.

About this time sundry Brethren going to South Carolina met with some Masons in Charlestown who thereupon went to work, from which sprung Masonry in those parts.

5736 June 24. Being St John the Baptists Day the Brethren Celebrated the Anniversary in a very Handsom manner according to the Custom among Masons, having the Honour of Governour Belchers Company and sundry other Bro^{s} of note at Dinner. — All the Grand Officers Continued, Our R^{t} Wors^{l} Bro Mr Robt Tomlinson Chose Master of the Lodge. —

5736 Dec 27. Was Celebrated as usual The Festival of St John the Evangelist. Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Mr Robt Tomlinson appointed D. G. M. by Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Grand Master Mr Price and Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Mr Thos Oxnard was chosen Master of the Lodge.

5737 April 20. Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Mr Robt Tomlinson Rec^{d} the following Commission from the Earl of Loudon Grand Master of England, appointing him Provincial Grand Master of North America in the Room of Our R^{t} Wor^{l} Grand Master Price who Resign'd.

Loudoun [SEAL] *G: M.*

To all and every Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Worsh^{l} and Loving Brethren now Residing or who may hereafter Reside in the Province of New England, Jno Earl of Loudoun &c. Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England

Sendeth Greeting,

Whereas a Pettition has been presented unto us and sign'd by several Brethren now Residing in the Province of New England aforesaid, in the name of themselves and of all the Breth^{n} Residing in said Province, Humbly praying that we would please to Nominate and appoint a new Provincial Grand Master for s^{d} Province.

Now Know Ye That We have Nominated Ordain'd Constituted & Appointed and do by These Presents Nominate, Ordain, Constitute & Appoint Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} and well Beloved Bro^{r} Mr Robt Tomlinson Provincial Grand Master of the Province of New England with the Teritories and Dominions thereto belonging with full Power and Authority to him to Nominate and Appoint his Deputy G. M: and G: Wardens, and We do hereby Impower Our said Provincial Grand Master, for us and in Our place and stead to Constitute the Brethren (Free and Accepted Masons) now Residing or may hereafter Reside in said Province of New England, and Territories and Dominions thereunto belonging into

One or more Regular Lodge or Lodges as he shall think fit and as often as Occasion shall Require, He the said Mr Robt Tomlinson taking special Care that all and every Member of any Lodge or Lodges that he shall happen to Constitute by Virtue of the Power hereby Granted, have or shall be Regularly made Masons, and that they do cause all and every the Regulations Contain'd in the Printed Book of Constitutions to be kept and Observ'd (except so far as they have been alter'd at Quarterly Communications and other General Meetings;) and also to keep and Observe all such other Rules Orders and Instructions as shall from time to time be Transmitted to them by us, or John Ward Esqr our Deputy, or the Grand Master of England or his Deputy for the time being, and the said Mr Robt Tomlinson is hereby Requir'd to send Annualy an Accot in Writing of the number of Lodges so to be Constituted with the names of the several Members of each particular together also with Two Guineas from every particular Lodge so to be Constituted to be paid into the stock of General Charity.

And Lastly We Will and Require The Feasts of St John the Baptist and Evangelist to be Observ'd.

Given under Our Hand and Seal of Office at London the 7th of Decr 1736. and in ye Year of Masonry 5736.

By the Grand Masters Command

sign'd J: WARD D: G: M.
ROBT LAWLEY S: G: W.
W: GREME J: G: W.

5737. June 24. Being the Festival of St John the Baptist the Brethren Celebrated it as usual and Our Rt Worshl Grand Master Mr Tomlinson appointed The Rt Worshl Mr Hugh McDaniel D: G: M. Our Rt Worshl Bro. Mr Thomas Oxnard was Con inued Master of the Lodge.

Decr 27. Being St John the Evangelists Day it was Celebrated as usual, when Our Rt Worshl Grand Master Mr Tomlinson Reappointed our Rt Worshl Bror Mr Jas Gordon D: G: M. Our Rt Worshipful Bror Mr Oxnard, Continued Master of the Lodge.

5738. June 24. The Festival of St John ye Baptist was Celebrated as usual and the Brethren Din'd together; And Our Rt Worshl Bro Mr Benja Hallowell was Chosen Master of the Lodge.

Decr 27. The Festival of St John the Evangelist was Celebrated as usual, and Our Rt Worshl Bro Mr Benja Hallowell was Continued Master of ye Lodge.—

This Year Our Rt Worshl Grand Master Mr Tomlinson went to England Via Antigua, where finding some old Boston Masons went to Work and made the Governour and sundry other Gentlemen of Distinction Masons, whereby from Our Lodge sprung Masonry in the West Indies.

Jany 2. The R^{t} Worsh^{l} Lodge of Masters was Founded, and Our R^{t} Wors^{l} Bro Mr Henry Price Chosen First Master.

5739. May Our R^{t} Wors^{hl} Grand Master Mr Tomlinson Return'd from England and Rec^{d} the Congratulations of the Brethren in due Form.

June 13. Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro^{r} Mr Hugh McDaniel Chosen Master of the Lodge.

Dec 27. Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Mr Thos Oxnard appointed D : G : M : by Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Grand Master and our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Mr Hugh McDaniel continued Mas^{r} of the Lodge Nothing further Remarkable Occurr'd this Year, only the Craft Continued flourishing.

5740 June 11. Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Mr Hugh McDaniel Continued Master of the Lodge.

Decr 24. Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Mr Ja^{s} Forbes Chosen Master of the Lodge.

Omitted in place That Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Grand Master Mr Price Granted a Deputation at ye Pettition of sundry Brethren, at Annapolis in Nova Scocia to hold a Lodge there, and Appointed Maj^{r} Erasm^{s} Ja^{s} Philipps D. G. M. who has since at ye Request of sundry Brethren at Halifax, Granted a Constitution to hold a Lodge there, and appointed The R^{t} Worsh^{l} His Excellency Edwd Cornwallis Esqr their First Master.

5741. Dec 23. Our Right Worshipful Bro. James Forbes chosen Master of the Lodge.

5742. June 9. Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Mr Nathl Bethune Chosen Master of the Lodge.

5743 June 24. Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Mr Robt Jenkins was Chosen Master of the Lodge.

March 6. Our Right Wors^{l} Bro. Thos Oxnard Rec^{d} the following Deputation from the R^{t} Honble and R^{t} Worsh^{l} Lord Barron Ward Grand Master of England appointing him Grand Master of North America in the Room of Our Late R^{t} Worsh^{l} Grand Master Mr Tomlinson Deceas'd.

J: Ward [SEAL] *G: M.*

To all and every, Our R^{t} Worsh^{l}, Worsh^{l} and Loving Brethren We John Lord Ward Baron of Birmingham in the County of

Warwick Grand Master of the Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons

SENDETH GREETING,

Whereas Application hath been made unto us by several of Our Brethren Residing in North America praying that We would appoint a Provincial Grand Master for North America in the Room of our Bro Robt Tomlinson Esqr Deceas'd late Provincial Grand Master,

NOW KNOW YE That We John Lord Ward have Nominated Constituted and Appointed, and by these Presents do Nominate Constitute and Appoint Our Well beloved Bror Thomas Oxnard Esqr To be Provincial Grand Master of North America with full power to Nominate and Appoint his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, and in Our Name and stead to Constitute Lodges in North America he the said Thos Oxnard Esqr taking special care that all and every Member, or Members of any Lodge or Lodges so to be Constituted have been or shall be made Regular Masons, and that he cause all and every the Regulations contain'd in the Printed Book of Constitutions (except so far as they have been alter'd by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Communications) to be kept and Observ'd, and also all such other Rules and Instructions as shall from time to time be Transmitted to him by us or Sr Robt Lawley Bart: our Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Master or his Deputy for the time being, and that he the said Thos Oxnard Esqr do send an Accot in Writing to us or our Deputy, or the Grand Master for the time being of all and every the Lodge or Lodges, he shall Constitute with the Date of their Constitution and Days of Meeting and Names of their Members, and their place of abode, also Two Guineas for the General Charity and half a Guinea for other Expences from every Lodge he shall Constitute, and also to hold four Quarterly Communications in a Year, one of them upon the Feast of St John the Evangelist or as near that time as Conveniently may be. Given under Our Hand and Seal at London This Twenty Third Day of September, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Three, and of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Three.

By the Grand Masters Command
sign'd

JOHN REVIS. G: S.

Mar: 6. Our Rt Worshl Grand Master Bro Thos Oxnard Esqr Appointed Our Rt Worshl Bro Mr Hugh McDaniel D. G. M. and Our Rt Worsl Bros Mr Thomas Kilby S. G. W. and Mr John Box J: G: W:

5744 Dec 26. Our Rt Worsl Bro Thos Kilby Esqr was Chosen Master of the Lodge.

27. Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} G: M: Appointed Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Mr Benj^{a} Hallowell S. G. W. and our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro: Mr Jno Box J. G. W.

5745 Decr 24. Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro. Box Appointed Master of the Lodge.

5746 Dec 24. Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Mr Thos Aston Chosen Master of the Lodge.

At the Pettition of Sundry Brethren Residing at ——— in Newfoundland Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Grand Master Granted a Constitution for a Lodge to be held there, and appointed the R^{t} Worsh^{l} M^{r} to be their first Master.

5747 Decr 9: Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Jon^{a} Pue Esqr Chosen Master of the Lodge.

5748. Decr 14 Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro. Mr John Rowe Chosen Master of the Lodge.

5749 Decr 27. At the Pettition of Sundry Brethren Residing at Newport on Rhode Island Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro. Thos Oxnard Esqr Grand Master, Granted a Constitution for a Lodge to be held there, and appointed Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro. Mr Caleb Phillips to be their First Master.

Decr 27. Being the Festival of St John the Evangelist The Brethren attended Divine service at Christ Church, where a sermon sutable to the Occasion was Preach'd by Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} and Revd Bro. Mr Chas Brockwell after which they Repair'd in Procession, and Concluded the Celebration of the day in Grand Lodge at an Elegant Dinner with the utmost Decency and Decorum, after the manner of Masons.

Febr 15. Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens Constituted (in due Form with the usual Solemnity) a Lodge to be held at the Royal Exchange Tavern in Boston on the Third Thursday in every Month, and appointed The R^{t} Worsh^{l} Mr Henry Price first Master.

March 7. Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens Constituted (with the usual Solemnity, in due Form) a Lodge to be held at the White Horse Tavern in Boston on the First and Third Wednesdays in every Month, and appointed The R^{t} Worsh^{l} Mr Peter Pelham first Master.

5750 Augt 12. At the Pettition of Sundry Brethren at Annapolis in Mary Land Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Grand Master Bro Thos Oxnard Esqr Granted a Constitution for a Lodge to be held there, and appointed The R^{t} Worsh^{l} ——— ——— first Master.

N. B: The several Intervening Festivals of St John the Evangelist and also those of St John the Baptist not before mention'd have been all Celebrated in Grand Lodge, in due manner and Form; tho' not proper Records kept thereof.

Feby 6 The Lodge at ye White Horse Remov'd to the Bunch of Grapes in King Street.

FRYDAY April ye 13th 1750.

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge holden at the Royal Exchange Tavern in Kingstreet Boston.

Present

The Rt Worshl Bro: Thos Oxnard G: M.
" " " Bro McDaniel D. G: M.
" " " Bro Hallowell S: G: W.
" " " Bro Box J: G: W.
" " " Bro Rowe G: T.
Bro Jas Gordon.
Bro Ens McKay.

For ye Masters Lodge,			
Bro Revd Brockwell M:	Brot for their		
Bro Andw Mckenzie S. W.	Constitution	£10.	
Bro Robt Williams J.W	Charity	2	
		—	12£
For ye 1st Lodge			
Bro: Wm Coffin M.	Brot for their		
Bro Belr Bayard S: W.	Constitution	20. —. — .	
Bro Peter Oliver J. W.	Charity	5. —. — .	
		—	25
For ye 2d Lodge			
Bro H: Price M.			
Bro Thos Aston S: W.	Brot Charity	—	5
Bro H: Leddel J: W.			
For ye 3d Lodge			
Bro Peter Pelham M.	Brot Charity		2, 5
Bro John Collson S: W.			
Bro Chas Pelham J: W.	old Tenr		£44, 5.

For the Lodge at
Portsmouth in New Hampshire
Annapolis in Nova Scotia
Newfound Land
Hallifax
Newport Rhode Island
Mary Land
New Haven in Connecticut
} no body appear'd.

Voted, The Lodge being Open, That the Grand Committee of Charity (Consisting of such Members as are appointed in the new Printed Regulations) do meet at least Eight Days before every Quarterly Communication.

Bro. M^c^kenzie presented a Remonstrance to this Lodge wherein he Complains of Several Erroneous procedings of ye 1st Lodge which being Read by the G. S. it was Voted That the Consideration thereof be Referr'd to the next Quarterly Communication.

Fryday July the 13th 1750.

At a Quarterly Communication holden in Boston.

Present:

The R^t^ Worsh^l^ Bro Thos Oxnard G : M.
" " " Bro M^c^Daniel D : G : M.
" " " Bro B : Hallowell S : G : W.
" " " Bro Jno Box J : G : W.
" " " Bro Jno Rowe G : T.

For ye Masters Lodge Revd Bro : Brockwell M. Bro : H : Withered S : M. Bro : Robt Williams J : W.	p^d^ for Charity 3 doll^s^	£6. 15
For ye 1st Lodge Bro : Wm Coffin M. Bro : Hen^y^ Leddel S : W. Bro : Jno Leverett J : W.	p^d^ Charity, 4 doll^s^	9. —
For ye 2^d^ Lodge Bro : Hen^y^ Price M. Bro : Ja^s^ Forbes S : W. Bro : Thos Aston J : W.	p^d^ noth^g^ : not being summ^s^ in time.	
For ye 3^d^ Lodge Bro : Peter Pelham M. Bro : Chas Pelham S : W. Bro : Jno Indigot J : W.	p^d^ Charity, 2 doll^s^	4. 10

For the Lodge at Newport, Bro : Ab^m^ Burden appear'd, but p^d^ nothing.

For the Lodge at Mary Land, Bro : M^c^Daniel D : G : M. app^d^ & p^d^ for their Constitution 13. 9.

Old Ten^r^ £33. 14.

Reckoning £ 2.—

The Lodge being Opend.

Voted, That the T : and S : do provide a Book or Books as they shall think necessary for this Lodge to be paid out of the Stock.

Voted, That Our R^t Worsh^l Bro: Coffin M. of the 1st Lodge have longer time to Answer Bro McKenzies Complaint against the said 1st Lodge.

5750 Aug 12. At ye Pettition of sundry Brothers at Newhaven in Connecticutt our R^t Worsh^l G: M: granted a Constitution for a Lodge to be held there, & appointed the right worshipfull David Worster, Master.

FRYDAY Octo^r 12th 1750.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston,

Present.

The R^t Worsh^l Bro: Thos Oxnard G: M.
" " " Bro: H: McDaniel D: G: M.
" " " Bro: B: Hallowell S: G: W.
" " " Bro: John Box J: G: W.
" " " Bro: John Rowe G: T.

For ye Masters Lodge
Revd Bro: Brockwell M.
Bro: H: Withered S: W. } p^d Charity 3 Doll^s 6 . 15
Bro: R: Williams J: W.

For ye 1st Lodge
Bro: Wm Coffin M.
Bro: H: Leddell S: W. } p^d Charity, 6 Doll^s 13 . 10
Bro: J: Leverett J: W.

for ye 2^d Lodge
Bro: H: Price M.
Bro: J: Forbes S: W. } p^d Charity 4 Doll^s 9.—.–
Bro: T: Aston, J: W.

For ye 3^d Lodge
Bro: C: Pelham S: W. } p^d Charity 2 Doll^s 4 . 10
Bro: J: Indigot J: W.

For ye Lodge at Newport, Bro: H: Price appear'd & p^d Charity, 2 doll^s 4. 10

Old Ten^r £38. 5.

Reckoning £.

The Lodge being Open'd

Voted, That the R^t Worsh^l Bro Coffin be Serv'd with a Copy of Bro: McKenzie's Complaint against the 1st Lodge, attested by the G: Secratary.

Voted, That next St John's Day be properly Celebrated, and that a Dinner be provided, and that Bro^rs Bayard, Pearson, Wal-

lis, and Newman be Grand Stewards, who are to give Tickets to any Bro: who inclines to attend, at 60/ each.

Decem^r ye 27 1750.

Being the Festival of St John ye Evangel^st

The R^t Worsh^l	Bro: Thos Oxnard G: M.	Held a Grand Lodge
" " "	Bro: H: McDaniel D: G: M.	
" " "	Bro: B: Hallowell S: G: W.	
" " "	Bro: J: Box J: G: W.	
" " "	Bro: J: Rowe G: T.	

When an Eligant Dinner being Provided by the Stewards, the Day was Celebrated as usual among Masons and Conducted with true Decency and Decorum: the following Brethren by Virtue of Our R^t Worsh^l G: M^s Summons's being Present, Viz^t.

[Names omitted in the Record.]

Fryday Jany 11th 1750.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston.

Present.

The R^t Worsh^l Bro: Oxnard G: M.
" " " Bro: McDaniel D: G: M.
" " " Bro: Hallowell S: G: W.
" " " Bro: Box J: G: W.
" " " Bro: Rowe G: T.
Bro: Coffin Bro: Jer: Gridley Bro: H. Price.

For ye Masters Lodge Bro: Revd Brockwell M. Bro: H: Leddell S: W. Bro: J: Leverett J: W.	p^d Charity 6 doll^s	£13 ,, 10
For ye 1st Lodge Bro: J: Rowe M. Bro: R: Williams S: W. Bro: B: Bayard J: W.	p^d Charity 10 doll^s	22 ,, 10
For ye 2^d Lodge Bro: Lord Colvill M. Bro: J: Forbes S: W. Bro: T. Aston J: W.	p^d Charity 4 doll^s	9 . —
For ye 3^d Lodge Bro: C: Pelham M. Bro: J: Indigot S: W: Bro: W: Logan J: W:	p^d Charity 2 doll^s	4 . 10
	Old Ten^r	£49 ,, 10

Reckoning £3 ,, 5 ,, 7 ,,

The Lodge being Open'd

Voted, That the Grand Treas^{r} do pay what Damages have been done to the neighbours Windows by the Firing of our Chambers last St Johns Day, and Render an Acco^{t} thereof to this Lodge.

Voted, That the G : T. do give £10 old Ten^{r}. to John Watson as Charity, he having as a necessitous Bro^{r} apply'd to this Lodge for Relief.

Voted, That the G. T. do put £20 old Ten^{r} in Bro McDaniels hands to be apply'd as he shall Judge best, for the use of Luke Vardy, he hav^{g} Pettition'd for Relief.

Voted, That the G : T. do send £20. old Ten^{r} to Jno Eyre at Portsm^{o} he having as a Distress'd Bro : Pettition'd to this Lodge for Relief.

Voted. That Letters be sent to the Several Lodges abroad under Our R^{t} W : G. M. acquainting them of the scandilous piece of Ribaldry in T. Fleets paper, and Instructing them by all means to discourage s^{d} paper &c., and it was desir'd of Bro Gridley to form s^{d} Letters which he propos'd so to do.

FRYDAY April 12th 1751

At a Quarterly Communication holden in Boston.

Present.

The R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro : Thos Oxnard G : M.
" " " Bro : McDaniel D : G : M.
" " " Bro : Hallowell S : G : W.
" " " Bro : Box J : G : W.
Bro : Jer : Gridley.

For ye Masters Lodge Bro : Jno Rowe M. Bro : Williams S. W.	p^{d} Charity 4 doll^{s}	£9 ,,
For ye 1st Lodge Bro : Revd Brockwell M. Bro : H. Leddell S : W. Bro : Jno Leverett J : W.	p^{d} Charity 6 doll^{s}	13 . 10.
For ye 2^{d} Lodge Bro : Lord Colvill M. Bro : Ja^{s} Forbes S : W. Bro : Thos Aston J : W.	p^{d} Charity 2 doll^{s}	4 . 10.
For ye 3^{d} Lodge Bro : Chas Pelham M. Bro : Jno Indigot S. W. Bro : Walter Logan J : W.	p^{d} Charity 2 doll^{s}	4 . 10.
	old Ten^{r}	£31 . 10

For Portsm° Lodge Bro: Henry Price appear'd
For Rhode Isl^d Lodge, Bro: Jenkins Junr app^d } p^d nothing.
For Connecticut Lodge Bro: H. Price app^d

Reck^g	2 ,, 6 ,, 5
Postage of Letters from Connecticut Lodge to ye Grand Master	16 ,, 6
	£3 ,, 2 ,, 11.

The Lodge being Open'd, It was mov'd
That the next St John's Day should be Celebrated out of Town, upon which Our R^t Wors. Bro Price made an Offer of the use of his House at Manotomy, whereupon it was
Voted, That the next St Johns Day be Celebrated at Bro Prices House at Manotomy, and that each Bro: inclining to attend shall pay 40/ old Ten^r to the Stewards some time before.
Voted, That at sd: time the Brethren do proceed in Regular Procession to said place.

Monday June ye 24th 1751.

Being the Festival of St John the Baptist.
The Brethren went in the Morning in Regular Procession to the House of Mr Richardson in Cambridge (Bro Prices House at Manotomy being Incumbr'd by sickness) where Our R^t Worsh^l G: M. held a Grand Lodge and the Day was Celebrated (at an Eligant Entertainment) as usual among Masons, with great satisfaction, good Harmony, and Exact Decorum. The whole Concluded by Returning to Town in proper Order in the afternoon.

Present.

The R^t Worsh^l Bro: Thos Oxnard G: M.
" " " Bro: McDaniel D: G: M.
" " " Bro: Hallowell S: G: W.
" " " Bro: Jn° Box J: G: W.
" " " Bro: Jn° Rowe G: T.
Chas Pelham. G: S.

Fryday July 12th 1751.

At a Quarterly Communication holden in Boston

Present.

The R^t Worsh^l Bro: Oxnard G: M.
" " " Bro: McDaniel D: G: M.
" " " Bro: Hallowell S. G: W.
" " " Bro: Box J: G: W.
" " " Bro: Price
" " " Bro: Jn° Rowe G: T.

For ye Masters Lodge Bro: Jno Rowe M. Bro. Bayard S: W.	p^d Charity 4 doll^s	£9 ,, ,,
For ye 1st Lodge Bro: Revd Brockwell M. Bro: John Leverett S: W. Bro: Danl Gookin J: W.	p^d Charity 4 doll^s	9 ,, ,,
For ye 2^d Lodge Bro: Lord Colvill M. Bro: Ja^s Forbes S: W. Bro: Thos Aston J: W.	p^d Charity 2 doll^s	4. 10
For ye 3^d Lodge Bro: Chas Pelham M. Bro: Jno Indigot S: W. Bro: Newman J: W.	p^d: Charity 2 doll^s	4. 10.
Reckoning £2.		£27. ,, ,,

The Lodge being Open'd; Bro: Pateshall preferr'd a Pettition to this Lodge praying for Charity, upon which it was Voted, That the Consideration thereof be Referr'd to ye next Quarterly Communication.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer do pay to Bro: Bayard G: Stew^d £12 ,,17 old Ten^r to defray the deficiency of ye Expen^s on St John's Day last.

Voted, That ye Grand Treas^r do pay £4 .10 old Ten^r to Bro: Buck being for past services to ye Lodge.

Chas Pelham G: Sec^r.

FRYDAY Octo^r 11th 1751.

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge holden in Boston

Present.

The R^t Worsh^l Bro: H: McDaniel D: G: M.
" " " Bro: H: Price.
" " " Bro: Hallowell S: G: W.
" " " Bro: J: Box J: G: W.
" " " Bro: J: Rowe G: T.

For ye Masters Lodge, Bro: Rowe M. Bro: Bayard S: W. Bro: Allen J: W.	p^d Charity 4 Doll^rs	£9 ,, ,,
Carried forward,		£9 " "

Brought forward,		£9 " "
For ye 1st Lodge,		
Bro: Revd Brockwell M. Bro: Leverett S: W. Bro: Gookin J: W.	p^d Charity 4 Doll^rs	9 ,, ,,
For ye 2^d Lodge,		
Bro: Lord Colvill M. Bro: Aston J: W.	p^d Charity 2 Doll^rs	4 . 10
For ye 3^d Lodge,		
Bro: C: Pelham M. Bro: Logan J: W.	p^d Charity 2 Doll^rs	4 · 10
For ye Lodge at Portsmouth, Bro: Mitchell M.	p^d Charity 1 Doll^r	2 ,, 5.
	old Ten^r	£29 ,, 5.

Reck^g £1 ,, 10.

The Lodge being Open, Voted that the Grand Treas^r do Give £20 to Bro: Patteshall as Charity.

Voted, That the Grand Treas^r do Give £10 to Bro: Vardy as Charity.

Voted, That Bro^rs H: Withered, S: Calef, Jos: Chew, and Jno Leverett be Stewards for the Year Ensuing, and that they do provide a Dinner on ye next St John's Day at ye Royal Exchange Tavern, every Bro: who intends to Dine there on s^d time to pay £3. to ye Stewards some time before.

Chas Pelham G: S.

Fryday Decem^r 27th 1751.

Being the Festival of St John the Evangelist.

Our R^t Worsh^l Bro: Mc Daniel D: G: M. Summons'd the Brethren to attend him at ye Royal Exchange Tavern where he Held a Grand Lodge, and the Day was Celebrated as usual, the following Brethren present.

Th. R^t Worsh^l Bro: McDaniel D: G: M.
" " " Bro: Hallowell S: G: W.
" " " Bro: Box J: G: W.
" " " Bro: Rowe G: T.
Chas Pelham G: Sec^r.

Fryday Jany 10th 1752.

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge Holden in Boston.

Present.

The R^t Worsh^l Bro: Mc Daniel D: G: M.
" " " Bro: Hallowell S: G: W.
" " " Bro: Jno Box J: G: W.
" " " Bro: Jno Rowe G: T.
Bro: Price
Bro: Jenkins
C: Pelham G: Sec^r

Bro: Fenton Bro: H: Withered	} Stew^ds.	
For ye Masters Lodge, Bro: Thos Allen S: W. Bro: Jno Leverett J: W.	} p^d Charity 4 doll^s	£9 ,, ,,
For ye 1st Lodge Bro: Bayard M. Bro: Leddell S: W.	} p^d Charity 6 doll^rs	13 ,, 10
For ye 2^d Lodge Bro: Lord Colvill M. Bro: Ja^s Forbes S: W. Bro: Thos Aston J: W.	} p^d Charity 4 doll^s	9 ,, ,,
For ye 3^d Lodge Bro: Williams M. Bro: Newman S: W.	} p^d Charity 4 doll^s	9 ,, ,,
	Old Ten^r	£40 ,, 10

The Lodge being Open'd,

Voted, That ye Grand Treas^r do pay to the Stewards Fifty two pounds Thirteen Shill^s and Seven pence to make up the deficiency of last St John's Feast.

Voted, That the Grand Treas^r do pay to Bro Buck Two Dollars for past Services to this Lodge.

Voted, That the Grand Treas^r do give One Dollar to Brown (the waiter in the House) as a present from the Lodge.

P^d Reckoning	£1 ,, 3 ,, ,,
p vote to the Stewards . . .	52 ,, 13 ,, 7 ,,
p d^o to Buck and Brown . .	6 ,, 15 .
	£60 ,, 11 ,, 7 ,,

MONDAY Jany ye 20th 1752.

By Virtue of Our R^t Worsh^l Deputy Grand Masters Summons's a Grand Lodge was Holden: the following

Members Present, Viz^{t}:

The R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro: McDaniel D: G: M.
" " " Bro: Hallowell S: G: W.
" " " Bro: Box J: G: W.
" " " Bro: Rowe G: T.
Chas Pelham G: S.
Bro: Jenkins.

For ye Masters Lodge
Bro: Coffin M.
Bro: Allen S: W.
Bro: Leverett J: W.

For ye 1st Lodge,
Bro: Bayard M.
Bro: Leddell S: W.
Bro: Tyler J: W.

For ye 2^{d} Lodge
Lord Colvil M.
Bro: Forbes S: W.
Bro: Aston J: W.

For ye 3^{d} Lodge.
Bro: Williams M.
Bro: Newman S: W.
Bro: Ez^{h} Price J: W.

The Lodge being Open'd, Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} D: G: M. acquainted the Lodge that the occasion of this Meeting was to Consider the 21st Article in the Printed Book of Constitutions Relating to the Successor to the Chair in the absence of the Grand Master. The R^{t} Worsh^{l} Th^{os} Oxnard Esqr Our G. M. being gone to England it was Mov'd that the R^{t} to the Chair devolv'd upon our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Henry Price. After the Brethren had Severally given their Opinions, our R^{t} Worsh^{l} D. G. M. put it to ye Vote, Whether we should send two of the Brethren to desire our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Price to come and Resume his office, which pass'd in the Negative.

Friday Aprill 10th 1752.

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge holden att the Royall Exchange Tavern in Boston

Present.

The Right Worshipfull Bro^{r} McDaniel D G M.
Bro^{r} Hallowell S G W.
Bro^{r} Jno Box J G W.
Bro^{r} Jno Rowe G T.
Bro^{r} Price.

For the Masters Lodge.
Bro^r William Coffin M.
Bro^r Thos Allen S. W.
Bro^r John Leverett J W.
} paid Charity 4 doll^rs £9 ,, 0 ,, 0

For the 1st Lodge
Bro^r Belth^r Byard M.
Bro^r William Tyler S W.
Bro^r Sam^ll Calef J W.
} paid Charity 4 doll^rs £9 ,, 0 ,, 0

For the 2^d Lodge
Bro^r Lord Colvill M.
Bro^r James Forbes S W.
Bro^r Thos Aston J W.
} paid Charity 2 Dollars 4 : 10 . 0

For the 3^d Lodge
Bro^r Robert Williams M.
Bro^r Thos Newman S W.
Bro^r Ezekiel Price J W.
} paid Charity 2 Dollars 4 : 10 . 0

For the Lodge att Philadelphia Bro^r McDaniel appeared and paid for their Constitution 31 ,, 10 ,, 0
For the Lodge att Portsmouth in New Hampshire Bro^r Geo Mitchell M... their Meeting on the 1st & 3^d Thursdays in every month.

Old Tenor £58 . 10 . 0

Reckoning £4 . 10 . 0 .

The Lodge being Opened

Voted That the Feast of St John the Baptist be Celebrated in the usual manner att the House of Mr Gratons att Roxbury, and that it be under the direction of the Grand Wardens.

Voted That £3 ,, 0 ,, 0 ,, Old Tenor be paid by each Brother to the Grand Wardens that inclines to attend the Feast.

Voted That the Grand Lodge send the First Lodge a Sett of Candles.

The Masters Lodge removed to the Bunch Grapes Tavern.

The Second Lodge removed to the Bunch Grapes Tavern March 20th 1752.

WEDNESDAY June 24th 1752.

Being the Feast of St John the Baptist

Our Right Worshipfull Bro^r Lord Colvill D. G. M. Summons'd the Brethren to attend him att the Grey Hound Tavern in Roxbury where he Held a Grand Lodge (by virtue of a Deputation granted to him by our Right Worshipfull Brother Thomas Oxnard Esqr Pro-

vincial Grand Master of North America, to be Deputy Grand Master of North America), and the Day was Celebrated as usual, the following Brethren

Present.

The Right Worshipfull Bro^r Lord Colvill D G M.
Bro^r Hallowell S G W
Bro^r Box J G W
Bro^r Row G T
McDaniel, Price, Brockwell,

Friday July 10th 1752

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge held att the Royall Exchange Tavern in Boston.

Present.

The Right Worshipfull Bro^r Lord Colvill D G M
Bro^r Hallowell S G W
Bro^r John Box J G W
Bro^r John Row G T
Bro^r Mc Daniel
Bro^r Price
Bro^r Jenkins

For the Masters Lodge Bro^r William Coffin M Bro^r John Leverett S W Bro^r Henry Leddel J W	paid Charity 4 dollars	£9 . 0 .
For the 1st Lodge Bro^r Belth^r Bayard M Bro^r Sam^ll Swift S W Bro^r Sam^ll Calef J W	paid Charity 4 dollars	9 . 0 .
For the 2^d Lodge Bro^r James Forbes M Bro^r Thomas Aston S W Bro^r Chas Brockwell J W	paid Charity 2 dollars	4 . 10 .
For the 3^d Lodge Bro^r Robert Williams M Bro^r Thos Newman S W Bro^r Jno Phillips Junr J W	paid Charity 2 dollars	4 . 10 .
		£27 . 0 .

The Lodge being Opened

Voted Brother John Leverett Grand Secratary.—

Voted That 4 dollars be given to Brother Neal as Charity.

Voted That 4 dollars be given to Brother M^c^koy for his past Services.

Voted That 2 dollars be given to Brother Pateshall as Charity.

Voted That a Silver Seal be Cutt with the Masons Arms for the use of all the Lodges in Boston to be kept by the Grand Secratary

Paid the Reckoning	£ 1 ,, 14 ,, 0.
Paid 10 dollars p Votes above	22 ,, 10 ,, 0.
	£24 ,, 4 ,, 0.

FRIDAY October 13th 1752

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge Holden in Boston

Present.

The Right Worshipfull Bro^r^ Thomas Oxnard G M
Bro^r^ Mr Daniel D G M
Bro^r^ Hallowell S G W
Bro^r^ John Box J G W
Bro^r^ John Row G T
Bro^r^ Brockwell
Bro^r^ Rochell
Bro^r^ Brown
Bro^r^ Rogers

For the Masters Lodge
Bro^r^ William Coffin M
Bro^r^ John Leverett S W } paid Charity 4 dollars £9 ,, 0 ,, 0

For the 1st Lodge
Bro^r^ Belth^r^ Bayard M
Bro^r^ Samuel Calef J W } paid Charity 4 dollars 9 ,, 0 ,, 0

For the 2d Lodge
Bro^r^ James Forbes M
Bro^r^ Thomas Aston S W
Bro^r^ Saml Holbrook J W } paid Charity 2 dollars 4 ,, 10 ,, 0

For the 3d Lodge
Bro^r^ Robert Williams M paid Charity 2 dollars. 4 ,, 10 ,, 0

£27 ,, 0 ,, 0

The Lodge being Opened

Voted That 6 dollars be paid by the Grand Treasurer to Bro^r^ Pelham for his Past Services.

Our Right Worshipfull G M Presented our Right Worshipfull Bro^r McDaniel with the D G M^s Jewell in the Room of our Right Worshipfull Bro^r Lord Colvill who has gone for England.

paid Bro^r Pelham p Vote	£13 ,, 10 ,, 0.
paid ditto for Summons	4 ,, 2 ,, 0.
paid the Reckoning	14 ,, 5 ,, 0.
	£31 ,, 17 ,, 0.

Wednesday Decem^r 27th 1752.

Being the Feast of St John the Evangelist.

Our Right Worshipfull Bro^r Thomas Oxnard Esqr G M Notified the Brethren in the Publick Prints to attend him att the Bunch Grapes Tavern in Boston where he held a Grand Lodge and the Day was Celebrated as usual, the following Brethren Present,

The Right Worshipfull Bro^r Thos Oxnard G M
Bro^r McDaniel D G M
Bro^r Hallowell S G W
Bro^r John Box J G W
Bro^r John Row G T
Bro^r John Leverett G S

Bro^r Price
Bro^r Forbes
Bro^r Wm Coffin Senr
Bro^r Bayard
Bro^r Pelham
Bro^r Briggs Hallowell
Bro^r Holbrook
Bro^r Ross
Bro^r Clowston
Bro^r Montgomerie
Bro^r Pue
Bro^r Nogues
Bro^r Jenkins
Bro^r Ellis
Bro^r Tufts
Bro^r Bruce
Bro^r Peter Oliver
Bro^r Pearson

Bro^r Brockwell
Bro^r Aston
Bro^r Wm Coffin Junr
Bro^r Williams
Bro^r Leddel
Bro^r Atkins
Bro^r Pecker
Bro^r Poynton
Bro^r Fenton
Bro^r Doubledee
Bro^r Withred
Bro^r Nichols
Bro^r Swift
Bro^r Gallop
Bro^r Williamson
Bro^r Robert Oliver
Bro^r Murray

Friday January 12th 1753

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Bro^r Thos Oxnard G M
Bro^r McDaniel D G M
Bro^r Hallowell S G W
Bro^r John Box J G W
Bro^r Leverett G S
Bro^r Price

For the Mas^r Lodge		
Bro^r Belth^r Bayard M.	paid Charity	
Bro^r Jeremiah Gridley S W	2 dollars	£4 . 10 . 0
Bro^r Richard Gridley J W		
For the 1st Lodge		
Bro^r Henry Leddel M	paid Charity 2 dollars	4 . 10 . 0
Bro^r Samuel Calef S W		
For the 2^d Lodge		
Bro^r James Forbes M	paid Charity	
Bro^r Robert Jenkins S W	4 dollars	9 . 0 . 0
Bro^r Charles Brockwell J W		
For the 3^d Lodge		
Bro^r William Coffin M	paid Charity	
Bro^r Joseph Gardner J W	2 dollars	4 . 10 . 0
For the Newport Lodge		
Bro^r Robert Jenkins M	paid Charity 1 dollar	2 . 5 . 0
For the Nova Scotia Lodges N° 1 and 2		
Bro^r Robert Jenkins appear'd & p^d their Constitution		31 . 10 . 0
		£56 . 5 . 0

The Lodge being opened —

Voted That the Grand Treasurer pay Bro^r Leverett his Acct^s for a Seal &c £21. 12. 6

Voted That the G T pay to Bro^r Brockwell 4 dollars to be given to Bro^r M^ckoy the Tyler for his Services the Year Past.

At the Petition of Sundry Brethren Residing att New London in the Colony of Connecticutt Our Right Worshipfull Bro^r Thos Oxnard Esqr G M Granted a Constitution for a Lodge to be held att New London and appointed our Right Worshipfull Bro^r Andrew M^ckenzie their first Master.—

Voted That 5 be a Committee to settle the Grand Treasurers accounts Viz^t Bro^r Jeremiah Gridley, Bro^r Price, Bro^r Bayard, Bro^r Forbes & Bro^r Brockwell.

paid for a Seal Printing Tickets & Adver^{g}, Sealing Wax & cards as p Vote above	£21 . 12 . 6
paid Bro^{r} Price for a Sett of Candles	3 . 10 . 0
paid Bro^{r} M^{c}koy 4 dollars p Vote	9 . 0 0
paid the Reckoning	3 . 2 . 6
	£37 . 5 . 0

Friday April 13th 1753.

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Thomas Oxnard G M
Brother Hugh McDaniel D G M
Brother John Box S G W pro tem
Brother Robert Jenkins J G W pro tem
Brother John Rowe G T
Brother John Leverett G S
Brother Henry Price

For the Masters Lodge
Bro^{r} Belth^{r} Byard M
Bro^{r} Jeremiah Gridley S W
Bro^{r} Robert Williams J W
} paid Charity 2 dollars — £0 . 12 . 0

For the First Lodge
Bro^{r} Henry Leddel M
Bro^{r} Samuel Calef S W
Bro^{r} John Erving Junr J W
} paid Charity 4 dollars — 1 . 4 . 0

For the Second Lodge Bro^{r} James Forbes M paid Charity 2 dollars — 0 . 12 . 0
For the New London Lodge Bro^{r} Henry Price appeared & paid charity 2 dollars — 0 . 12 . 0

3 . 0 . 0

The Lodge being Opened

Our Right Worshipfull Brother Hugh McDaniel returned the Deputy Grand Masters Jewell to the Grand Master, and the Lodge returned him thanks for his Past Service as Deputy Grand Master.

Voted That Six shillings Lawfull Money be paid by Each Brother to the Grand Wardens that inclines to attend the feast of St John the Baptist

April 4th Committes Reck^{g}	£4 . 10
13 G Lodge Reck^{g}	9 . 16
paid the Reckoning £0 . 9 . 6	
	£14 . 6 . 0

TUESDAY June 26th 1753.

St John the Baptist day being a Sunday, Our Right Worshipfull Bro^r Thomas Oxnard Esqr Grand Master notified the Brethren in Publick Prints to attend him att the House of Mr John Gratons att the Grey Hound Tavern in Roxbury, where he held a Grand Lodge, and the day was celebrated as usual the following Brethren Present, Viz^t

The Right Worshipfull Bro^r Thomas Oxnard G M
Bro^r Benjamin Hallowell S G W
Bro^r John Box J G W
Bro^r John Rowe G T
Bro^r John Leverett G S

Bro^r Andrew Belcher	Bro^r Samuel Holbrook
Bro^r Henry Price	Bro^r Ezekiel Price
Bro^r Charles Brockwell	Bro^r Thomas Aston
Bro^r James Forbes	Bro^r John Fenton
Bro^r Hugh McDaniel	Bro^r William Coffin Junr
Bro^r Jonathan Pue	Bro^r Edward Cahill
Bro^r Samuel Swift	Bro^r———Amiel
Bro^r Briggs Hallowell	Bro^r John Hurd
Bro^r Samuel Wells	Bro^r Samuel Withred
Bro^r Henry Atkins	Bro^r Thomas Pearson
Bro^r———Clowston	Bro^r William Stow
Bro^r Samuel Calef	Bro^r William Tyler
Bro^r Robert Jenkins	Bro^r Charles Pelham
Bro^r Joseph Gardner	Bro^r Robert Williams
Bro^r William Coffin Senr	Bro^r Henry Leddel
Bro^r Jeremiah Gridley	Bro^r Belthazer Byard

FRIDAY July 13th 1753.

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Thomas Oxnard G M.
Brother Benjamin Hallowell S G W
Brother John Box J G W
Brother John Rowe G T
Brother Henry Price
Brother Robert Jenkins

For the Masters Lodge

Bro^r Belth^r Byard M Bro^r Jeremiah Gridley S W Bro^r Richard Gridley J W	paid Charity	£1 . 4 . 0

For the First Lodge

Bro^r Henry Leddel M Bro^r John Erving S W Bro^r Joseph Gardner J W	paid Charity	0 . 12 . 0

For the Second Lodge

Bro^r James Forbes M Bro^r Thomas Aston S W Bro^r William Coffin J W	paid Charity	1 . 4 . 0
		£3 . 0 . 0

The Lodge being Opened

Our Right Worshipfull Grand Master appointed our Right Worshipfull Bro Benjamin Hallowell D G M. Bro^r Charles Brockwell S G. W and Bro^r James Forbes J G W.

Voted That Two Pounds Thirteen shillings & Four pence Lawfull Money be given as Charity to Bro^r Starkey att Newbury, & the Money was given to Bro^r Robert Jenkins to be deliver'd him.

Voted That One Pound Six shillings & Eight pence Lawfull Money be given to the Widdow Buck.

Voted That Two Pounds Eight Shillings Lawfull Money be given to Bro^r Forbes for Bro^r Kennedy.

£3. 16/ Paid the Reckoning £0 . 10 . 1 p

Friday Octo^r 12th 1753.

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Thomas Oxnard G M
Brother Benjamin Hallowell D G M
Brother Charles Brockwell S G W
Brother James Forbes J G W
Brother John Rowe G T
Brother John Leverett G S
Brother Hugh McDaniel

For the Masters Lodge

Bro^r Belth^r Byard M Bro^r Jeremiah Gridley S W	paid Charity	£0 . 12 . 0

For the First Lodge

Bro^r Henry Leddel M Bro^r Samuel Holbrook S W Bro^r Joseph Gardner J W	paid Charity	0 . 12 . 0

For the Second Lodge

Bro^r Thomas Aston M Bro^r James Otis S W	paid Charity	1 . 4 . 0
		£2 . 8 . 0

The Lodge being Opened,

Voted That 5 be a Committee to make Laws for the Lodge Viz^{t} Bro^{rs} Brockwell, Gridley, Rowe, McDaniel & Byard—

Voted That Six shillings Lawfull Money be paid by each Brother that attends the Feast of St John the Evangelist.—

Voted That a Letter be sent to our Right Worshipfull Bro^{r} Alexander Lord Colvill, and Bro^{r} Brockwell, Gridley, (J) & the G : Sec^{y} be a Committee to Prepare one. The Right Worsh^{l} Bro^{r} Thomas Aston Master of the Second Lodge in Boston wch met att Bro^{r} Withreds the Third Thursday in every month, informed the Grand Lodge that his Lodge had Voted to meet the Third Thursday in every month.

Paid the Reckoning	£0 . 10 . 9
paid Bro^{r} Leverett for what he paid Draper for Printing an adver. in his pap^{r} 4/ print'g : Ticketts 4/ Sealing Wax 4/	0 . 12 . 0
	£1 . 2 . 9

THURSDAY Decem^{r} 27th 1753.

Being the Feast of St John the Evangelist

Our Right Worshipfull Bro^{r} Thomas Oxnard Esqr G M desired the Brethren to attend him att Bunch Grapes Tavern in Boston where he held a Grand Lodge, and the Day was Celebrated as usual, the Following Brethren Present Viz^{t} :

The Right Worshipfull Brother Thomas Oxnard G M
Bro^{r} Benjamin Hallowell D G M
Bro^{r} Charles Brockwell S G W
Bro^{r} James Forbes J GW
Bro^{r} John Rowe G T
Bro^{r} John Leverett G S

Bro^{r} Henry Price	Bro^{r} Joseph Scott
Bro^{r} Hugh McDaniel	Bro^{r} John Erving
Bro^{r} Robert Jenkins	Bro^{r} Joshua Loring
Bro^{r} Robert Williams	Bro^{r} Nogues
Bro^{r} Jeremiah Gridley	Bro^{r} John Simpson
Bro^{r} William Coffin	Bro^{r} Ezekiel Price
Bro^{r} William Ellery	Bro^{r} James Otis
Bro^{r} Samuel Holbrook	Bro^{r} Lewis Turner
Bro^{r} Belth^{r} Byard	Bro^{r} Nicholas Letchmere
Bro^{r} Henry Withred	Bro^{r} Arbothnout
Bro^{r} Anthony Davis	Bro^{r} Richard Hooton
Bro^{r} Simpson	Bro^{r} Sam^{ll} Swift
Bro^{r} Stoddard	Bro^{r} William Stow
Bro^{r} Mongomerie	Bro^{r} Thomas Pearson
Bro^{r} Henry Leddel	Bro^{r} Francis Wells
Bro^{r} Robert Oliver	Bro^{r} William Nichols

Bro^r Joseph Gardner
Bro^r John Box
Bro^r Thomas Aston
Bro^r Joseph Jackson
Bro^r Charles Pelham
Bro^r William Tyler
Bro^r William Coffin Junr
Bro^r Maney

Friday Jan^ry 11th 1754.

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge Holden in Boston

Present.—

The Right Worshipfull Brother Thomas Oxnard G M
Bro^r Benjamin Hallowell D G M
Bro^r Charles Brockwell S G W
Bro^r Robert Jenkins J G W Pro Tem^e
Bro^r John Rowe G T
John Leverett G S
Bro^r Henry Price
Bro^r Hugh McDaniel
Bro^r John Box

For ye Mas^r Lodge Bro^r Robert Williams M Bro^r Richard Gridley S W	paid Charity	£0 . 0 . 0 .
For ye First Lodge Bro^r Jeremiah Gridley M Bro^r Ezekiel Price S W	paid Charity	1 . 4 . 0
For ye Second Lodge Bro^r Belth^r Byard M Bro^r Henry Leddel S W Bro^r Samuel Holbrook J W	paid Charity	1 . 4 . 0
		£2 . 8 . 0

The Lodge being Opened

Voted That no Brother within our district shall be Master of any Regular Lodge, under Thirty Years of age.

Voted That 3 be a Committee to examine & Settle the Treasurers accounts Viz^t Brother Jeremiah Gridley, Henry Price & Hugh McDaniel.

Voted That the Sum of £2 . 0 . 10¾ Lawfull Money be paid Bro^r Samuel Withred for the deficiency of St Johns Feast in December 1752. N.B this voted not to be a President for the Future.

Voted That a dollar be given to Brown, as a New Years gift.

paid Bro^r Leverett for what he paid Draper for Printing Tickets and Advertisement, & for Paper & Sealing Wax	0 . 13 . 8
paid Brown as p Vote above	0 . 6 . 0
paid McCoy	0 . 6 . 0
paid the Reckoning	0 . 11 . 6½
paid Bro^r Withred	2 . 3 . 8¼
	£4 . 0 . 10¾

T. Oxnard [SEAL] *G M*

To all and Every Our Right Worshipfull and Loving Brethren Free and Accepted Masons now Residing or that may hereafter Reside in Middletown in the Colony of Connecticutt, The Right Worshipfull Thomas Oxnard Esqr Provincial Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in North America

SENDETH GREETING

Whereas application hath been made unto us by Icabod Camp and Sundry other Brethren of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons now Residing at Middletown aforesaid that we would be pleased to Constitute them into a Regular Lodge That Masonry may Increase and Flourish in those parts

NOW KNOW YE That We have nominated Ordain'd Constituted and Appointed and by these presents do nominate ordain Constitute and Appoint Our Right Worshipfull and well beloved Brother Mr Jehosaphat Starr to be the First Master of the Lodge at Middletown aforesaid and do hereby Impower him to Congregate the Brethren together and Form them into a Regular Lodge, He taking Special Care in Chusing Two Wardens and other officers necessary for the due Regulation thereof for one year at the end whereof the Lodge shall have Power to Chuse and Appoint their Master and other officers and so annually, The Master & Wardens for the Time being taking Special Care that all and every member admitted into said Lodge from Time to Time have been or shall be made Regular Masons, and that they do cause all and every The Regulations contain'd in the Printed Book of Constitutions (except so far as they have been alter'd by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly meeting in London) to be kept and observed as also all such other Rules and Instructions as shall from Time to Time be Transmitted to them by us, or by our Deputy or by the Grand Master or his Deputy for the Time being and that they do send annually an account in writing to us or our Deputy or to the Grand Master or his Deputy for the Time being of the names of the Members of said Lodge and their place of abode with the days and place of meeting, with any other things that they may think proper to Com-

municate for the benefit of their Lodge, and that they do send Two Guineas for their Constitution to be paid into the Stock of the Grand Lodge in Boston and further that they do annually keep or cause to be kept The Feast of St John the Evangelist and dine together on that Day or near that Day as shall be Judged most convenient, and Lastly, That they do Regularly Communicate with the Grand Lodge in Boston by sending to the Quarterly Communication such charity as their Lodge shall think fitt for the Relief of Poor Brethren.

Given under our Hand and seal at Boston This Fourth Day of February Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Four, and of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Four.

By the Grand Masters Command
John Leverett G. S.

Benj^a Hallowell D G M
Cha Brockwell S G W
James Forbes J G W

Friday April 12th 1754.

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge Holden in Boston.

Present.

The Right Worshipfull Brother Benjamin Hallowell D G M
Bro^r Charles Brockwell S G W
Bro^r James Forbes J G W
Bro^r John Rowe G T
John Leverett G S
Bro^r Henry Price
Bro^r Hugh McDaniel
Bro^r John Box
Bro^r Robert Jenkins
Bro^r Henry Leddel

For the Masters Lodge Bro^r Robert Williams M Bro^r Richard Gridley S W Bro^r William Tyler Junr J W	paid for Charity	£0 . 0 . 0
For the First Lodge Bro^r Jeremiah Gridley M Bro^r Joseph Gardner S W Bro^r Ezekiel Price J W	paid for Charity	1 . 4 . 0
For the Second Lodge Bro^r William Coffin M Bro^r James Otis S W Bro^r Samuel Holbrook J W	paid for Charity	0 . 0 . 0
		£1 . 4 . 0

paid the Reckoning 11/8

The Lodge being Opened,

Voted That £2 , 0 , 0 be given to Mrs Mary Walker as Charity dld it to Bror McDaniel,

Voted that £1,, 6,, 8,, be given to Bror Mckoy as Charity dld it to Bror Brockwell.

Voted That the Feast of St John the Baptist be Celebrated in the Country and the Expence do not Exceed a dollar for Each Member.

Lodge in Portsmouth New Hampshire Annapolis in Nova Scotia Newfoundland Hallifax in Nova Scotia New Port in Rhode Island Maryland New Haven in Connecticutt New London in d° Middletown in d°	No Body appeared.

TUESDAY June 26th 1754.

Sunday being St John Baptist day Our Right Worshipfull Grand Master desired the Brethren to attend him at Mr Gratons in Roxbury, where the Deputy Grand Master held a Grand Lodge, but by Reason of the death of Our Right Worshipfull Brother Thomas Oxnard Esqr Grand Master who died this day about Eleven oClock A M, the Celebration was rather Sorrowfull than Joyous the Following Brethren Present —

The Right Worshipfull Brother Benjamin Hallowell, D G M
Bro Robert Jenkins S G W
Bro John Rowe J G W
Bro James Forbes G T
Bro John Leverett G S

Bro Henry Price	Bro Edward Cahill
Bro Jeremy Gridley	Bro William Coffin
Bro Thomas Aston	Bro Charles Pelham
Bro Samuel Calef	Bro William Maney
Bro Samuel Holbrook	Bro William Tyler
Bro James Otis	Bro Joseph Gardner
Bro John Erving	Bro. Andrew Oliver
Bro Hugh McDaniel	Bro Samuel Swift
Bro Briggs Hallowell	Bro John Box
Bro Lewis Deblois	Bro R Pateshall
Bro William Burbeck	Bro William Coffin Junr
Bro John Downe	Bro James Pecker
Bro Belth Byard	Bro Henry Leddel

Bro George Wallis

Boston July 1st 1754.

On Tuesday last departed this Life, after a lingering Sickness, in the Fifty First year of his age, The Right Worshipfull Thomas Oxnard Esqr Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in North America. A Gentleman whose Loss is not only deplored by the Fraternity over which for Eleven Years he Presided, but by all those who had enjoyed the Pleasure of his acquaintance. He was an experienced Merchant, an upright dealer, an affectionate Husband, a tender Parent, a Sincere Friend, a kind Master. He was free from Bigotry and Enthusiasm, and his Religion, on the duties of which he constantly attended, was truly Catholick. The News of his approaching death was received by him with Composure and Resignation, he Set his house in order, and in Expectation of a better Life, he bore the last Agonies of this with a most Christian Fortitude. Reader wouldst thou shine in these amiable Virtues, Imitate Him. —

His Corps was attended to the Grave last Friday by a Numerous Train of Relations, of Free and Accepted Masons, Friends and Acquaintance, The Free and Accepted Masons dressed in black, and Cloathed with white Aprons and Gloves walked before in a Procession of two, with the Grand Masters Jewell, usually worn by him, pendant from the Ribbon on a tassel'd black Velvet Cushion carried next to the Corps, Immediately before the Cushion walked the Deputy Grand Master with the Grand Wardens; the Past Grand Officers, the other officers of the Grand Lodge, the Masters, Wardens and Officers of the other Lodges in Town in their order, all the Masters and Wardens with their Jewells pendant upon black Ribbon, after the Interment the Fraternity walked before the Relaitions and returned with them to the Mansion House of the deceased, where they took their Leave, The whole attendance was conducted thro' a vast Number of Spectators, with great order and Decency.

Friday July 12th 1754.

At a Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Bro Benjamin Hallowell D G M
Bro James Forbes S G W
Bro Robert Jenkins J G W
Bro John Rowe G T
Bro John Leverett G S
Bro Hugh McDaniel
Bro Thomas Aston

For the Masters Lodge
Bro Robert Williams M
Bro Richard Gridley S W
Bro William Tyler J W

For the First Lodge Bro Belth Byard M Bro Joseph Gardner S W Bro William Stow J W	paid Charity	£1 . 4 . 0
For the Second Lodge Bro William Coffin M Bro Sam^{ll} Holbrook S W Bro Charles Pelham J W		
For Middletown Lodge Bro^{r} Wm Tyler & Jno Leverett appeared & paid Charity		6 . 8
paid the Reckoning £3. 16/		£1 . 10 . 8

The Lodge being Opened The Deputy Grand Master appointed Bro Charles Pelham & Bro Jos: Gardner to wait upon our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Henry Price to resume his office as G M in the Room of Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro^{r} Oxnard dec^{d} wch now of Course reverts to him, who appeared & the D G M presented him wth the G M Jewell & dl^{d} him the Chair.

Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro Price continued the Grand Officers till further orders. Upon the Petition of the Lodge at Middletown as also the Lodge at New London Voted that the Grand Master Deputy Grand Master & Grand Wardens shall be impowred & hereby are impowred to dispence with the said Lodges Conforming to the Vote passed in January last with regard to the Masters being Thirty Years of age they being Young Lodges are incapable of Complying. —

Voted That the Expence of the Cushion be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

Voted That a dollar & a pair Gloves be given to the Man that carried the Cushion, and a dollar be given to Williston for warning the Masons to attend Mr Oxnards Funeral.

FRIDAY, October 11th 1754.

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge Holden at Concert Hall Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Henry Price Grand Master
Brother Benj^{a} Hallowell D G M
Brother Charles Brockwell S G W
Brother James Forbes J G W
Brother John Rowe G T
Brother John Leverett G S

Bro Benjamin Franklin	Bro Stephen Deblois
Bro Belth Byard	Bro Lewis Deblois
Bro Robert Jenkins	Bro John Erving Junr

For the Masters Lodge
Brother Robert Williams M
Brother Charles Pelham S W
Brother William Tyler J W

For the First Lodge
Brother Jeremy Gridley M
Brother Ezekiel Price S W
Brother William Stow J W
paid for Charity £1 . 4

For the Second Lodge
Brother William Coffin M
Brother Sam[ll] Holbrook S W
Brother Brigs Hallowell J. W.
paid for Charity . 12

New London Lodge
Brother Henry Leddel appeared & paid Charity 1 . 4

£3 . 0

The Lodge being Opened

Voted That when a Petition shall be Sent to the Grand Master of England for appointment of a Grand Master of North America it shall be desired that Such Grand Master be continued in the Chair for Three Years and no longer.

Thirteen Voters for a Grand Master out of which there was Eleven for Our Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esq[r]; Voted That Seven be a Committee to draw a Petition to the Grand Master of England for a Deputation for a Grand Master of North America Brother Benjamin Hallowell Rev[d] Brother Charles Brockwell Brother James Forbes Brother Hugh M[c]Daniel Brother Robert Jenkins Brother William Coffin and Brother Henry Leddell.

To the Right Honourable and Right Worshipfull James Brydges Marquis of Carnarvan Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Petition of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge whose names are hereunto Subscribed in behalf of said Lodge

HUMBLY SHEWETH.

That last June it pleased Allmighty God to vacate Solomons Chair by the death of Our late Right Worshipfull Grand Master Thomas Oxnard Esq[r] upon which Our Right Worshipfull Brother M[r] Henry Price formerly Grand Master Reasumed the Chair Pro tempore, and at the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Concert Hall in Boston October 11th 5754 it was voted that a Petition should be drawn up and Presented to your Lordship praying that all Future Grand Masters should be deputed for three years only, but With this Reservation that notwithstanding if the Lodge should see cause to Continue the same Grand Master

longer in the Chair the said Deputation should continue and remain in full force the said Continued Term, and that he should remain Grand Master from the Expiration of the time of his First appointment or Continuance to the Instalment of another.

We therefore humbly sollicit your Lordships concurrence with the said Vote, and Request your deputation in favour of Our Right Worshipfull Bro^r Jeremy Gridley Esqr Councellour at Law our Grand Master Elect.

And Whereas Masonry Originated Here anno 5733, and in the year following Our then G. M. Price received orders from G. M. Craufurd to Establish Masonry in all North America in Pursuance of which the Several Lodges hereafter mentioned have rec^d Constitutions from us. We therefore Crave due Precedency, & that in order thereunto Our G M Elect, may in his deputation be stiled G M of all North America, and your Petitioners as in duty Bound shall ever Pray.

5734 Philadelphia	Hugh McDaniel
35 New Hampshire & South Carolina	Benjamin Hallowell
38 Antigua and Annapolis in Nova Scotia	Charles Brockwell
46 Newfoundland	James Forbes
49 Rhode Island	Robert Jenkins
50 Hallifax in Nova Scotia	William Coffin
50 Annapolis in Maryland	Henry Leddell
53 New London in Connecticutt	
54 Middletown in ditto	
52 New Haven in ditto	

FRIDAY Jany 11th 5755.

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Henry Price Grand Master
Brother Benjamin Hallowell D G M
Brother James Forbes S G W Pro tem
Brother Robert Jenkins J G W Pro tem
Brother John Rowe G T
Brother John Leverett G S

For the Masters Lodge
Brother Henry Leddel M
Brother Joseph Gardner S W
Brother John Box J W

For the First Lodge
Brother John Erving M
Brother Lewis Deblois S W
Brother Joshua Gee J W
paid for Charity £1 . 4 . 0

For the Second Lodge
Brother Belth Byard M
Brother Samuel Holbrook S W

New Port Lodge Brother Price appeared & paid Charity 6 . 0

£1 . 10 . 0

The Lodge being Opened
Voted Brother M^c^koy Two dollars as Charity
Voted Brother Lenox Five dollars for his Past Services
Voted a dollar to the Servants of the House
Voted That every Lodge that sends their Master & Wardens to the Grand Lodge shall send by their Master Two dollars each Quarter to pay their Expences at said Lodge exclusive of their Charity
Voted That three be a Committee to Settle the Grand Treasurers accompt Viz^t^ Brother James Forbes Brother Robert Jenkins & Brother John Erving
Voted Brother Leverett Three Pounds for his past Services
Voted That the Vote that was passed in January 5754 with regard to the Masters being Thirty years of age be reconsidered, and every Lodge within our district for the Future chuse their Masters according to their discretion.

Friday April 11th 5755.

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Henry Price Grand Master
Brother Benjamin Hallowell D G M
Brother Robert Jenkins S G W
Brother William Coffin J G W
Brother Jeremy Gridley
Brother John Leverett G S

		Expens.	Charity
For the Masters Lodge Brother Henry Leddel M Brother William Tyler S W Brother Joseph Gardner J W	paid Expences £ -	12.	
For the First Lodge Brother William Stow S W Brother Briggs Hallowell J W	paid Expen^s^ & Charity	12	12
For the Second Lodge Brother Richard Gridley S W Brother Sam^ll^ Holbrook J W	paid Expences	12	

New Hampshire Lodge, Bro John Coults appeared
& paid Charity 6

£1. 16 18 ,,

WEDNESDAY June 24th 5755.

Our Right Worshipfull Bro Benjamin Hallowell D G M Summon'd the Brethren to attend at the House of Mr John Gratons in Roxbury to Celebrate the Feast of St John the Baptist, and the day was Celebrated with decency & mirth the Following Brethren

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Benjamin Hallowell D G M
Brother James Forbes S G W
Bro Robert Jenkins J G W
John Rowe G T
John Leverett G S

Hugh McDaniel	Stephen Deblois
John Box	Lewis Deblois
Andrew Oliver	William Coffin
Brigs Hallowell	Henry Leddel
Nath Bethune	Charles Pelham
John Stephens	John Downe
Samuel Withred	James Clowston
Samuel Holbrook	Thomas Dipper
Beth Byard	Joseph Gardner
Jeremy Gridley	Robert Jarvis
Michael Trolett	Samuel Calef

Samuel Swift

FRIDAY July 12th 5755.

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Benjamin Hallowell D G M
Brother James Forbes S G W
Brother Robert Jenkins J G W
Brother John Rowe G T
Brother John Leverett G S
Brother Jeremy Gridley
Brother Richard Gridley

For the Masters Lodge

		Expences	Charity
Bro Henry Leddel M Bro Joseph Gardner J W	paid Expences	,, 12	,,

For the First Lodge

Bro William Stow S W Bro Lewis Deblois J W	paid Expens & Charity	,, 12	1. 4

For the Second Lodge
Bro Hugh McDaniel M
Bro Sam Holbrook S W } paid Expences ,, 12
Bro Joshua Gee J W

New Hampshire Lodge Brother William Gleason appeared
Middletown Lodge Brother John Leverett appeared & paid Charity ,, 6

£1. 16. 1. 10

Augt 21st 5755.

By Virtue of Our Right Worshipfull Grand Masters Summons a Grand Lodge which was Holden at the Royall Exchange Tavern the following Brethren Present—Viz^t

The Right Worshipfull Brother, Henry Price G M
Bro Benjamin Hallowell D G M
Bro James Forbes S G W
Bro Robert Jenkins J G W
Bro John Leverett G S
Bro Peter Leigh Esqr G M of S° Carolina
Bro Jeremy Gridley Esqr
Bro John Box
Bro Charles Pelham

For the Masters Lodge
Bro Henry Leddel M
Bro William Tyler S W
Bro Joseph Gardner J W

For the First Lodge
Bro John Erving M
Bro Lewis Deblois S W
Bro Thomas Dipper J W

For the Second Lodge
Bro. Hugh McDaniel M
Bro Samuel Holbrook S W
Bro Joshua Gee J W

The Lodge being Opened

Our Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esqr informed Our Right Worshipfull Brother Henry Price G M that he had received a Deputation from The Right Honourable and Right Worshipfull James Brydges Marquis of Carnavon Grand Master of Masons appointing him Grand Master of North America where no Grand Master is at Present Appointed, and deliver'd Our Right

Worshipfuil Brother Price his Deputation who ordered the Secretary to read it, and record it in the Grand Lodge Book.

[SEAL] *Carnarvan G M*

To all and every our Right Worshipfull, Worshipfull and Loving Brethren We James Brydges Marquis of Carnarvan Grand Master of the Ancient & Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons SEND GREETING

Know Ye That We of the great Trust & Confidence reposed in our Right Worshipfull and well beloved Brother Jeremy Gridley Esqr Counceller at Law: Do hereby Constitute & appoint him, the said Jeremy Gridley Provincial Grand Master of all Such Provinces & Places in North America & the Territories thereof of which no Provincial Grand Master is at present appointed with full Power & Authority in due Form to make Masons and Constitute & regulate Lodges as Occasion may require, and also to do & execute all & every such other acts & things appertaining to said office as usually have been & ought to be done & executed by other Provincial Grand Masters. He the said Jeremy Gridley taking especial Care that all & every the Members of every Lodge he shall Constitute have been regularly made Masons, & that they do observe perform & keep all & every the Rules orders & Regulations Contained in the Book of Constitutions (Except such as have been or may be repealed at any Quarterly Communication or other General Meeting) together also with all Such other Rules orders Regulations & Instructions as shall from time to time be Transmitted by us or Thomas Manningham M D our Deputy or by any of our Sucessors Grand Master or his Deputy for the time being. And We do hereby will & require you our said Provincial Grand Master to cause Four Quarterly Communications to be held yearly, one whereof to be upon or as near to the Feast day of Saint John the Baptist as Conveniently may be and that you Promote on those & all other occasions whatever may be for the Honour & advantage of Masonry and the Benefit of the Grand Charity and that you yearly send to us or our Sucessors Grand Masters an account in Writing of the Proceedings therein and also of what Lodges you constitute and when and where held with a List of the Members thereof and Copys of such Rules orders and Regulations as shall be made for the good Government of the Same with whatever else you shall do by Virtue of these Presents, and that at the Same time you remit to the Treasurer of the Society for the time being at London Three pounds three shillings Sterling for every Lodge you shall Constitute for the use of the Grand Charity and other Necessary Purposes.

Given at London under our hand and Seal of Masonry this 4th day of April A D 1755 A L 5755.

By the Grand Masters Command

Witness THO^S MANNINGHAM D G M

JOHN REVIS G S

At a Meeting of the Committee of the Grand Lodge held at the Royall Exchange Tavern Boston the 25th Augt Anno Domini 1755 for Regulating the Instalment of the Grand Master agreed as Follows. — Vizt

First, — That there shall be a Publick Procession upon the last Wednesday in Sept next that being the day appointed by the Grand Master.

Secondly Agreed that Our Right Worshipfull Brother Leigh be desired to write to Brother Brown of Portsmouth and desire him to come to Town to Preach a Sermon on said day at The Revd Docr Cutler's Church

Thirdly That the Procession shall begin at such Place as the Grand Master shall appoint to Church all Cloathed, and after Church the Brethren to March back in the Same order to Concert Hall

Fourthly That notice be given by Each Master to the Members of the Several Lodges, and Each Member to Signify whether he will attend or no and Such as will attend to deposit One dollar

Septemr 22d 5755.

By Virtue of an order from Our Right Worshipfull Grand Master a Grand Lodge was held this Evening at the Royal Exchange Tavern to chuse Stewards to Provide for the Feast at the Instalment of the Grand Master the Following Brethren Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Benja Hallowell D G M
Brother John Box S G W
Brother Robert Jenkins J G W
Brother John Rowe G T
Brother John Leverett G S
Brother Henry Price
Brother Samuel Holbrook

For the Masters Lodge
Brother Henry Leddel . . . M
Brother William Tyler . . . S W
Brother Joseph Gardner . . J W

For the First Lodge
Brother Belth Byard . M
Brother Lewis Deblois S W
Brother Arch McNeil . J W

For the Second Lodge
Brother Hugh McDaniel M
Brother Joshua Gee . . S W
Brother Thomas Dipper J W

The Lodge Being Opened Our Right Worshipfull Brother Hugh McDaniel Brother Belth Byard Brother Arch McNeil & Brother Samuel Holbrook were chose Stewards ———

WEDNESDAY October 1st 5755.

At a Grand Lodge Held at Concert Hall this day The Right Worshipfull Jeremy Gridley Esqr appointed Grand Master of Masons in North America, by the Right Worshipfull the Marquis of Carnarvon Grand Master of Masons, was installed in that Office (at Concert Hall). The three Lodges in this Town and the Master & Wardens of the Portsmouth Lodge in New Hampshire with a great Number of Brothers were present Cloathed with white aprons and Gloves, and after the Instalment, accompanied their Grand Master in Procession to Trinity Church in this order, First Walked the Sword Bearer, carrying a drawn Sword, in one hand and the Book of Constitutions in the other, Next came the Several Lodges according to their Juniority, closed with the Wardens and Master, cloathed with their Jewells, Four Stewards with white wands went before the Grand Treasurer and Secretary cloathed with their Jewels, who were followed by the Past Grand Officers, after these walked the Grand Wardens with their Jewels, and the Present and late Grand Master cloathed with their Jewels and Badges, closed the Procession. At Church the Revd Mr Hooper read Prayers, and the Revd Mr Brown Preached an excellent Sermon on the occasion to a Numerous and Polite Audience, after Service the Sword Bearer and Stewards walked before the Grand Master, and the Procession was made in a reversed order back to Concert Hall, where an Elegant Dinner was prepared, and the afternoon was Spent in Harmony and Mirth. The whole Ceremony and attendance was with the greatest Decency, and made a Genteel Appearance.

The Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esqr G M
Brother Henry Price late . . G M
Brother Benja Hallowell . . D G M
Brother James Forbes . . . . S G W
Brother Robert Jenkins . . J G W
Brother John Rowe . . . . G T
Brother John Leverett . . . G S

Brother John Box
Brother Henry Leddel
Brother Edward Davis
Brother William Brattle
Brother Robert Williams
Brother Samll Holbrook
Brother Samuel Swift
Brother Stephen Deblois
Brother Peter McTaggart
Brother Walter Corrie
Brother William Murray
Brother Thos Jams Gruchy
Brother William Burbeck
Brother Joseph Gardner

Brother James Nichols
Revd Brother Arthur Brown
Brother Charles Pelham
Brother William Coffin Junr
Brother William Hill
Brother Samuel Wethred
Brother Briggs Hallowell
Brother Beth Byard
Brother Hugh McDaniel
Brother Samuel Massey
Brother Arch McNeil
Brother Samuel Calef
Brother William Ellery
Brother Henry Wethred

Brother Peter Jenkins
Brother William Tyler
Brother Fortesque Vernon
Brother Robert Oliver
Brother Thos Dipper
Brother John Stevens
Brother Lewis Deblois
Brother John Amiel
Brother Michael Trolet
Brother Joseph Jackson
Brother John Fenton
Brother William Coffin
Brother James Pecker
Brother Robert Pateshall
Brother William Torrey
Brother Joshua Gee
Brother Andrew Oliver
Brother James Coultis
Brother Nathll Peirce
Brother William Pearson
Brother William Stow
Brother Nathll Pattin
Brother Thomas Pearson
Brother Ellis Compton
Brother Peter Nogues
Brother Robert Stone
Brother Samll Hibbens
Brother John Odin
Brother John Downe
Brother Joseph Tyler
Brother Joseph Scott
Brother Ezekiel Price

Friday Octor 10th 5755.

At a Quarterly Communication or Grand Lodge holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esqr G M
Brother Benja Hallowell D G M
Brother James Forbes S G W
Brother Robert Jenkins J G W
Brother John Rowe G T
Brother John Leverett G S
Brother Peter Leigh Esqr
Brother William Coffin
Brother Henry Price
Revd Bro Arthur Browne

		Expe	Charity
For the Masters Lodge			
Brother Henry Leddel M Brother William Tyler S W Brother Joseph Gardner J W	paid Expences	. 12	
For the First Lodge			
Brother Andrew Oliver M Brother William Stow S W Brother John Downe J W	paid Expe & Charity	. 12	1 . 4
For the Second Lodge			
Brother Hugh McDaniel M Brother Samll Holbrook S W Brother Joshua Gee J W	paid Expences	. 12	
For Portsmouth Lodge			
Brother Nathll Peirce M Brother Arch McNeil S W	paid Charity		. 12
Reckoning £4. 5. 4		£1 . 16	—1 . 16

The Lodge being Opened

Voted That the Charity sent to ye Lodge by the Several Lodges shall be kept for that Purpose only, & the Acco^s of it kept Seperate

Voted That the Expences of this Lodge shall be paid by the Several Lodges

Voted That Brother Leddel be one of the Committee to Settle the Grand Treasurers Acco^s in the Room of Brother Erving who could not attend.

FRIDAY Jan^ry 9th 5756

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esqr G M
Brother Benjamin Hallowell D G M
Brother James Forbes S G W
Brother Robert Jenkins J G W
Brother John Rowe G T
Brother John Leverett G S
Bro Henry Price — Bro John Box
Bro William Coffin — Bro Henry Leddel

		Expen^s	Charity
For the Masters Lodge			
Brother Richard Gridley M Brother Sam^ll Holbrook S W Brother Joseph Gardner J W	paid Expences	12	
For the First Lodge			
Brother Robert Williams M Brother Lewis Deblois S W Brother John Downe J W	paid Expences	18	
For the Second Lodge			
Brother Hugh McDaniel M Brother Joshua Gee S W Brother Andrew Oliver J W	paid Expences & Charity	18	1 ,, 5 ,, 4
For the New London Lodge			
Brother Nicholas Letchmere M Brother Nath^ll Coffin S W			
Expences from the Grand Officers		17 ,, 2	
Reckoning £2,,4/		£3 ,, 5 ,, 2	1 ,, 5 ,, 4

The Lodge being Opened

Our Right Worshipfull Brother Benj^a Hallowell D G M desired Liberty to resign his Office, upon which Our Right Worshipfull G M appointed Our Right Worshipfull Bro James Forbes D G M Bro Robert Jenkins S G W & Bro John Rowe J G W.

Voted Brother William Coffin G T & Brother John Leverett G S for the year ensuing
Voted Brother David Lenox Tyler
Voted That the Grand Treasurers Acco^s be Accepted
Voted Brother Lenox Five dollars for his last years Service

Friday April 9th 5756.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esqr G M
Brother James Forbes D G M
Brother Robert Jenkins S G W
Brother John Rowe G T
Brother John Leverett G S
Bro Henry Price
Bro Benj^a Hallowell
Bro Belth Byard
Bro Samuel Solly

		Exp^s.	Charity
For the Mas^r Lodge Brother Richard Gridley M Brother Sam Holbrook S W Brother Jos Gardner J W	paid Expences ,, 18		
For the First Lodge Brother Robert Williams M Brother Lewis Deblois S W Brother John Downe J W	p^d Exp^s & Charity ,, 18/	2 ,, 8	–
For the Second Lodge Brother Hugh McDaniel M Brother Joshua Gee S W Brother Andrew Oliver J W	paid ditto,, 18–	2 ,, 3 ,, 4	
For the Newport Lodge Brother Robert Jenkins M Brother Benj^a Mason S W Brother John Jenkins J W	paid Charity	,, 6	–
Officers of the Grand Lodge		,,14 ,, 1p	
		£3,, 8 ,, 1–4	17 ,, 4–

The Lodge being Opened

The Master of Masters Lodge and the First Lodge presented a Petition for this Lodge to consider of some method in order to raise a fund for Charity —

Voted That Seven be a Committee to take the Petition under Consideration and make report at the next Quarterly Communication—Viz[t] the G M, D G M, S G W, J G W, the Master of the Masters Lodge, First Lodge and Second Lodge.

Voted That the Feast of S[t] John the Baptist be Celebrated in the Country and that the Expence be a dollar

THURSDAY June 24th 5756.

Our Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esq[r] Grand Master Summoned the Brethren to attend him at the House of M[r] John Gratons at the Grey Hound Tavern in Roxbury to Celebrate the Feast of S[t] John the Baptist, and the day was Celebrated as usual the following Brethren Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esq[r] G M
James Forbes D G M
Robert Jenkins S G W
John Rowe J G W
William Coffin G T
John Leverett G S

Rev[d] Arthur Brown
Benjamin Hallowell
Henry Price
Peter Nogues
Brigs Hallowell
James Clowston
Thomas Dipper
Adino Paddock

Hugh M[c]Daniel
John Box
Samuel Holbrook
Andrew Oliver
Arch M[c]Neil
Joseph Tyler
William Downe Cheevers
John Gore

William Maney

FRIDAY Aug[t] 13th 5756.

At a Quarterly Communication holden in Boston by adjournment by the Grand Masters order from the Second Friday in July last to y[e] day Several of the Officers and a Number of the Members being out of Town the Lodge could not be opened

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esq[r] G M
Brother James Forbes D G M
Brother Robert Jenkins S G W
Brother John Rowe J G W
Brother John Leverett G. S
Brother Benj[a] Hallowell

	Expen[s]	Charity
For the Mas[r] Lodge		
Brother Henry Price M Brother Joseph Gardner S W Brother Sam Holbrook J W } paid Expences	,, 18 –	

For the First Lodge			
Brother Robert Williams M Brother Lewis Deblois S W Brother John Jenkins J W	paid Expen^{s} ,,18 & Charity		1 ,, 4 –
For the Second Lodge			
Brother Hugh McDaniel M Brother Andrew Oliver S W	paid ditto	,, 18	,, 1 ,, 6 –
Expences from the Grand Officers		,, 12. 1	
		£3 ,, 6 ,, 1–2	,, 10 –

Reckoning £3 ,, 3 ,, 9

Friday Octo^{r} 8th 5756.

At a Quarterly Communication holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother James Forbes D G M
Brother Robert Jenkins S G W
Brother John Rowe J G W
Brother William Coffin G T
Brother John Leverett G S
Brother Benj^{a} Hallowell

		Expen^{s}	Charity
For the Mas^{rs} Lodge			
Brother Henry Price M Brother Joseph Gardner S W	paid Expences	,, 18 –	
For the First Lodge			
Brother Robert Williams M Brother Lewis Deblois S W	paid d^{o} & Charity	,, 18 –	1 ,, 4 –
For the Second Lodge			
Brother Hugh McDaniel M, Brother Andrew Oliver S W Brother Thomas Dipper J W	paid d^{o} & Charity	,, 18 –	1 ,, 4 –
Exp^{s} from G Officers		,, 12 –2	
		£3 ,, 6 ,, 2– 2	,, 8 ,, –

The Lodge being Opened

Voted That the Grand Treasurer pay Brother Rowe the late Grand Treasurer the Ballance of his Acco^{s} being £

Voted That there be a Feast on St Johns day and that the Expence do not Exceed a dollar

Voted That Three be a Committee to Settle the Grand Treasurers Acco^{s} Viz^{t}

Brother John Rowe Bro Andrew Oliver & Bro Benj^{a} Hallowell

FRIDAY Jan^ry 14th 5757.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esqr G M
Brother James Forbes D G M
Brother Robert Jenkins S G W
Brother John Rowe J G W
Brother William Coffin G T
Brother John Leverett G S
Brother Hugh McDaniel Brother John Box
Brother Belth Byard Brother Joshua Winslow

		Exp^s	Charity
For the Mas^rs Lodge			
Brother Henry Price M Brother Sam Holbrook S W Brother Lewis Deblois J W	paid Expences	,, 18–	
For the First Lodge			
Brother Richard Gridley M Brother John Jenkins S W Brother Arch McNeil J W	paid Expences	,, 18–	
For the Second Lodge			
Brother Andrew Oliver M Brother Thos Dipper S W Brother Sam Calef J W	paid Charity & Expences	,, 18	1 ,, 4
Exp^e from G Officers		1 ,, 2 ,, 6	
		£3 ,, 16 ,, 6–	1 ,, 4–

The Lodge being Opened

Our Right Worshipfull Brother James Forbes D G M resigned his Office, and the Right Worshipfull G M appointed Bro Robert Jenkins D G M Bro John Rowe S G W & Bro William Coffin J G W.

Voted Brother Belth Byard Grand Treasurer The Right Worshipfull G M deliver'd Bro John Leverett the Grand Secretarys Jewell

Jan^ry 31st 5757.

At a Grand Lodge held at the Royal Exchange Tavern this Evening called by the Grand Masters order

Present

The Right Worshipfull Bro Jeremy Gridley Esqr G M
Brother Robert Jenkins D G M
Brother John Rowe S G W
Brother Belth Byard J G W
Brother John Leverett G S

Brother James Forbes
Brother Richard Gridley
Brother Charles Pelham
Brother Lewis Deblois
Brother Thomas Dipper
Brother Henry Price
Brother Andrew Oliver
Robert Williams
Brother John Jenkins
Brother John Lowell

The Lodge being Opened

Our Right Worshipfull G M acquainted the Lodge that the occasion of this Meeting was for to make Capt Harry Charters Capt Gilbert McAdams, aid de Camp Doctor Richard Huch & Mr John Appy Secy to the Earl of Loudoun with Mr John Melvill, Masons, (who came to town from Marblehead with Bro Lowell on purpose to be made a Mason) which the Lodge unanimously agreed to.

Our Right Worshipfull G M appointed Bro Richard Gridley to make the above Five Gentlemen Masons, who were made enter'd Prentices & Pass'd Fellow Crafts.

Our Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master Summoned the Brethren to attend him at Concert Hall Boston to Celebrate the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist where he held a Grand Lodge and the day was Spent in a very agreable Manner the Following Brethren Present —

The Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esqr G M

His Excellency John Earl of Loudoun late Grand Master of Masons

His Excellency Charles Lawrence Esqr Governor of Hallifax

Bro Robert Jenkins . . . D G M
Bro John Rowe . . . . S G W
Bro William Coffin . . . J G W
Bro Belth Byard . . . . G T
Bro John Leverett . . . G S

Revd Bro Brown
Brother Samuel Holbrook
Brother Briggs Hallowell
Brother Isaac Gridley
Brother Catherwood
Brother John Dupee
Brother Joseph Tyler
Brother Francis White
Brother Peter Shoreland
Brother Peter Miller
Brother Ayres
Brother William Murray
Brother Thomas Aston
Brother Henry Babcock
Brother Richard Codman
Brother William Taylor
Brother Peter Beyer
Brother Chris Prince
Brother Jonathan Freeman
Brother John Cathcart
Brother William Rhodes
Brother Henry Bethune
Brother Thomas Baker
Brother Joseph Peabody
Brother Henry Price
Brother Joseph Scott
Brother Ingersol
Brother Edward Davis

Brother Oliver Noyes
Brother Hoar
Brother William Stow
Brother William Gordon
Brothar Lewis Deblois
Brother Arch McNeil
Brother Sam Calef
Brother Abraham Savage
Brother John Melvill
Brother Edward Blake
Brother John Appy
Brother Stephen Deblois
Brother Robert Williams
Brother James Forbes
Bro Benj[a] Hallowell
Bro Michael Trolet
Bro Nathan Whiting
Bro Samuel Gridley
Bro Peter McTaggart
Brother John Tyler
Brother Henry Wethred

Brother Walker

Brother William Burbeeck
Brother Joshua Boyd
Brother Thomas Lawlor
Brother William Thompson
Brother Harry Charters
Brother Richard Huck

Brother James Otis
Brother Jos Gardner
Bro Gilbert McAdams
Bro John Box
Bro Thomas Dipper
Bro Richard Gridley
Bro Joshua Winslow
Brother Cotnam
Brother Avey
Bro William Coffin Jun[r]
Bro Joseph Goldthwait
Bro Ezekiel Price
Bro Moses Deshon
Bro Samuel Rockwell
Brother Robert Stone
Brother Peter Nogues
Brother Joseph Jackson
Brother John Lowell
Brother John Gore
Brother Jn[o] Adams
Brother John Jenkins
Brother William Torrey
Brother Adino Paddock
Brother Sam Dexter
Brother Benj Pemberton
Brother William Brattle
Brother Hugh McDaniel
Brother Pelham
Brother Andrew Oliver
Brother Esra Collins

Brother Fitch

FRIDAY April 8th 5757.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esq[r] G M
Bro Robert Jenkins D G M
Bro John Rowe S G W
Bro William Coffin J G W
Bro Belth Byard G T
Bro John Leverett G S

Bro Hugh McDaniel Bro James Forbes
Bro John Box

	Expences	Charity
For the Masters Lodge		
Bro Henry Price M Bro Sam Holbrook S W } paid Expences	,, 18 —	

For the First Lodge
Bro Rich[d] Gridley M
Bro John Jenkins S W } paid Expences ,, 18 —
Bro Arch McNeil J W

For the Second Lodge
Bro Tho[s] Dipper S W
Bro Sam Calef J W } paid Expences ,, 18 —

Portsmouth Lodge presented p Bro Leverett Charity ,, 12 ,, —
Middletown Lodge presented p ditto ,, 6 ,, 8–
Lodge at Lake George presented p Bro Rich[d] Gridley 24 ,, 4 ,, —
Expences from Grand Officers ,, 14 ,, 5 –
£3 ,, 8 ,, 5 – 25 ,, 2 ,, 8

The Lodge being Opened
Our Right Worshipfull Brother Byard G T resigned his Office, & Our Right Worshipfull Bro Jenkins D G M Proposed Our Right Worshipfull Bro James Forbes to be Grand Treasurer, and the Lodge unanimously ballotted him in.

Friday June 24th 5757.
Being the Feast of S[t] John the Baptist
Our Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esq[r] G M Summon'd the Brethren to attend him at the Grey Hound Tavern in Roxbury where he Held a Grand Lodge and the Day was Celebrated with Decency & Mirth the Following Brethren Present —

The Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley, Esq[r] G M
Bro Robert Jenkins D G M
Bro John Rowe S G W
Bro W[m] Coffin J G W
Bro James Forbes G T
Bro John Leverett G S

Bro Henry Price
Bro Benj[a] Hallowell
Bro Richard Gridley
Bro Harry Charters
Bro Tho[s] Lewis
Bro Brigs Hallowell
Bro Richard Bluck
Bro . . . Shaw
Bro . . . Benson
Bro John Melvill
Bro . . . Pattin

Bro Samuel Dexter
Bro Tho[s] Dipper
Bro John Jenkins
Bro Sam Holbrook
Bro Lewis Deblois
Bro Arch McNeil
Bro Eze Price
Bro John Downe
Bro W[m] Torrey
Bro Abr Savage
Bro Jos Gardner

Bro William Burbeck	Bro Thos Pearson
Bro John Stevens	Bro Adino Paddock
Bro Anthony Brackett	Bro John Gore
Bro James Otis	Bro Andrew Oliver
Bro Robert Williams	Bro John Box

FRIDAY July 8th 5757.

At a Quarterly Communication holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull	Brother Jeremy Gridley Esqr	G M
	Brother Robert Jenkins	D G M
	Brother John Rowe	S G W
	Brother Wm Coffin	J G W
	Brother James Forbes	G T
	Brother John Leverett	G S
Brother Robert Williams	Brother	Cook
	Brother Warner	

		Expences	Charity
For the Masrs Lodge			
Brother Henry Price	M		
Bro Sam Holbrook	S W		
Bro John Downe	J W		
paid Expences & Charity		,, 18.	2 ,, 11.—
For the First Lodge			
Bro Richd Gridley	M		
Bro John Jenkins	S W		
Bro Arch McNeil	J W		
paid Expences & Charity		,, 18.	5 ,, 9 ,, 11¼
For the Second Lodge			
Bro Andrew Oliver	M		
paid Expens & Charity		,, 18.	12 ,, 9.—
New Hampshire Lodge presented for Charity p Bro Leverett			,, 6.—
Expens from Grand Officers		,, 12. 1¼—	
		£3 ,, 6 ,, 1¼—	20 ,, 15 ,, 11¼

paid Bro Leverett what he paid for Prints advertisements	,, 13 ,, 6
paid Stone the Reckoning	1 ,, 2 ,, 8
	£1 ,, 16 ,, 2

Friday October 14th 5757.

At a Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Robert Jenkins . . . D G M
Brother John Rowe . . . S G W
Brother Wm Coffin . . . J G W
Brother James Forbes . . . G T
Brother John Leverett . . . G S

Brother Hugh McDaniel — Brother Benja Hallowell
Brother John Benson — Brother Robert Williams

For the Masrs Lodge			
Bro Henry Price	M	,, 18.—	1 ,, 19 ,,
Bro Lewis Deblois	J W		
paid Expences & Charity			
For the First Lodge			
Bro Richd Gridley	M	,, 18.—	3 ,, 4 ,, 6
Bro Arch McNeil	S W		
Bro Sam Dexter	J W		
paid Expences & Charity			
For the Second Lodge			
Bro Thos Dipper	S W	,, 18.—	4 ,, 6 ,,—
paid Expences & Charity			
Portsmouth Lodge Presented for Charity			,, 6 ,,—
Expences from Grand Officers		,, 14 ,, 10—	
		£3 ,, 8 ,, 10—	9 ,, 15 ,, 6

paid for a Sett of Candles	,, 6—	
paid Stone the Reckoning	1 ,, 14 ,, 8	
		2 ,, 0 ,, 8

Friday Janry 13th 5758.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esqr . . . G M
Bro Robert Jenkins . . . D G M
Bro William Coffin . . . S G W
Bro Richard Gridley . . . J G W
Bro James Forbes . . . G T

Bro Henry Price — Bro Hugh McDaniel
Bro Benja Hallowell — Bro John Box
Bro Robert Williams — Bro William Brattle

		Expen^s	Charity
For the Mas^{rs} Lodge			
Bro And Oliver M Bro Lewis Deblois S W Bro John Jenkins J W	paid Expences & Charity	,, 18. —	3,,17,,-
For the First Lodge			
Bro John Leverett M Bro Arch McNeil S W Bro Sam Holbrook J W	paid ditto. .	,, 18,,—	2,,16,,6
For the Second Lodge			
Bro Thos Dipper M Bro Cha Pelham S W Bro Sam Dexter J W	paid ditto. . .	,, 18. —	6,, 1. -
New Port Lodge			
Bro Robt Jenkins M Bro Hen Leddel S W	paid Expen^s . .	6. —	
Expen^s from Grand Officers		1 ,, 2 ,, 1	
		£4 ,, 2 ,, 1	–12,,14,,6

The Lodge being Opened

The Right Worshipfull G M appointed Bro William Coffin S G W and Bro Richard Gridley J G W

The Lodge unanimously

Voted Bro James Forbes G T

The G M appointed Bro John Leverett G S

Voted . . That Five dollars be given to Lenox for his Past Services

Voted . . That Three pounds be given to Bro Wesson as Charity

Voted . . That Two dollars be given to the Sexton of Trinity Church for his attendance in opening the church when Bro Brown preached a Sermon there Two years Since, at the instalment of the Grand Master

Voted . . That Seven be a Committee to take De Costers Petition under consideration Bro McDaniel, Williams, Hallowell, Forbes, Coffin, R Gridley & Oliver

Voted . . That The Revd Bro Pollens Sermon be printed which was preached before the Brethren at Newport the 24th June last.

paid Stone the Reckoning	2 ,, 17 ,, 4
paid Lenox	1 ,, 10 ,, —
paid for enlarging the Seal	13 ,, 4
paid Wesson	3 ,,
paid the Sexton of Trinity Church	,, 12
	8 ,, 12 ,, 8

At a Meeting of a Committee of the Grand Lodge at Brother Stones February 24th 5758.

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esqr G M
Brother Robert Jenkins — Brother Benjamin Hallowell
Brother Henry Price — Brother William Coffin
Brother William Brattle — Brother Richard Gridley
Brother Hugh McDaniel — Brother Robert Williams
Brother James Forbes — Brother Andrew Oliver
Brother John Leverett.

The Petition of Isaac Decoster for himself & others was read, debated and afterwards —

Voted That the said Decoster and those of his Company who had a Clear and Good Character should be admitted to be made Masons by Dispensation of the Grand Master they Paying the Charge of the Entertainment

Signed by

Hugh McDaniel
Benja Hallowell
James Forbes
Wm Coffin
Robert Williams
Richard Gridley
Andrew Oliver Junr
} Committee

Friday April 13th 5758.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Bro Jeremy Gridley Esqr G M
Brother Robert Jenkins D G M
Brother William Coffin S G W
Brother Richard Gridley J G W
Brother James Forbes G T
Brother Henry Price — Brother Hugh McDaniel
Brother Benja Hallowell

		Expens	Charity
For the Masrs Lodge			
Bro Andrew Oliver M, Bro John Downe J W	paid Expens & Charity . . .	,, 18–1 ,,	7 ,, –
For the First Lodge			
Bro John Leverett . . M, Bro Arch McNeil S W, Bro Adino Paddock . . J W	paid Expens & Charity .	,, 18–4 ,,	17 ,, 6

For the Second Lodge		
Bro Thomas Dipper . . M	paid Expen[s] & Charity,, 18	–2 ,, 1 ,, –
Bro Charles Pelham . . S W		
Bro Sam[ll] Dexter . . J W		
Expen[s] from Grand Officers	,, 19 ,, 9	
	£3 ,, 13 ,, 9–8 ,, 5 ,, 6	

Reckoning £1,,16

The Lodge being Opened

The report of the Committee on Decosters Petition was referr'd to the Grand Master—

Voted That the Grand Wardens and the Master of each Lodge in the Town of Boston be a Committee to Consider what can be done to retrench the Expences of the Lodges, and make report to the Next Grand Lodge—

SATURDAY June 24th 5758.

Being the Feast of S[t] John the Baptist

Our Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esq[r] G M Summon'd the Brethren to attend him at the Grey Hound Tavern in Roxbury where he held a Grand Lodge and the day was Celebrated as usual the Following Brethren Present Viz[t]

The Right Worshipfull Bro Jeremy Gridley Esq[r] G M
Bro Robert Jenkins D G M
Bro John Rowe S G W
Bro William Coffin J G W
Bro James Forbes G T
Bro John Leverett G S

Bro Henry Price	Bro Eze Price
Bro Hugh M[c]Daniel	Bro Samuel Holbrook
Bro John Box	Bro Arch M[c]Neil
Bro Andrew Oliver	Bro Samuel Dexter
Bro Thomas Dipper	Bro Henry Leddel
Bro Daniel Johonnot	Bro Anthony Brackett
Bro Joseph Gardner	Bro William Torrey
Bro Joseph Jackson	Bro James Otis
Bro Benj[a] Hallowell	Bro Lewis Deblois
Bro Samuel Quincy	Bro Robert Williams
Bro Adino Paddock	Bro Briggs Hallowell

FRIDAY July 14th 5758.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Bro Robert Jenkins D G M
Bro William Coffin S G W
Bro Robert Williams J G W
Bro James Forbes G T

Bro Hugh McDaniel — Bro Henry Price
Bro John Rowe. — Bro Edmund Quincy

	Expᵉ	Charity
For the Masʳˢ Lodge		
Bro Andrew Oliver M paid Expenˢ & Charity	,, 18 —	,, 15—
For the First Lodge		
Bro John Leverett M, Bro Arch McNeil S W } paid Expenˢ & Charity	,, 18 —	,, 18—
For the Second Lodge		
Bro Thoˢ Dipper M, Bro Sam Dexter J W } paid Expences	,, 18 —	
Expenˢ from Grand Officers	,, 14	,, 10
	£3 ,, 8	,, 10 -1 ,, 13—

Reckoning £1 ,, 6 ,, 6

Friday October 13th 5758.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Bro Robert Jenkins D G M
Bro John Box S G W
Bro Robert Williams J G W
Bro James Forbes G T
Bro Henry Price

	Expᵉ	Charity
For the Masʳˢ Lodge		
Bro Andrew Oliver M paid Expenˢ & Charity	,, 18 ,,	,, 6 —
For the First Lodge		
Bro John Leverett M, Bro Arch McNeil S W, Bro Adino Paddock J W } paid Expences	,, 18 —	
For the Second Lodge		
Bro Thomas Dipper M paid Expences	,, 18 —	
Expences from the Grand Officers	,, 9	,, 11
	£3 ,, 3	,, 11 — 0 ,, 6 –

Reckoning 29/4

The Lodge being Opened
Voted - - - That Ten dollars be given to Bro Richᵈ Pateshall as Charity.

WEDNESDAY Decem^r 27th 5758.

At a Grand Lodge held at the Royal Exchange Tavern in Boston this Evening, the Following Brethren were Present to Celebrate the Feast of St John the Evangelist

The Right Worshipfull	Bro Jeremy Gridley Esqr . . .	G M
	Bro Robert Jenkins	D G M
	Bro John Rowe	S G W
	Bro Richard Gridley	J G W
	Bro James Forbes	G T

Bro Coll^o Williamson	Bro Robert Williams
Bro Henry Leddel	Bro Belth Byard
Bro William Brattle	Bro Thomas Dipper
Bro Andrew Oliver	Bro John Downe
Bro Samuel Holbrook	Bro Arch^d McNeil
Rev Edm^d Quincy	Bro Adino Paddock
Bro Abraham Savage	Bro Wm Burbank
Bro Joseph Webb	Bro John Woolvin

FRIDAY Jan^ry 12th 5759.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull	Bro Jeremy Gridley Esqr	G M
	Bro Robert Jenkins	D G M
	Bro William Coffin	S G W
	Bro Richard Gridley	J G W
	Bro James Forbes	G T
	Bro John Leverett	G S

Bro Henry Price Bro Hugh McDaniel

Bro Andrew Oliver

	Expen^c	Charity
For the Masters Lodge		
Bro Robert Williams M } paid		
Bro Arch McNeil J W } Expen^s	,, 18 —	
For the First Lodge		
Bro Harry Charters M } paid		
Bro Adino Paddock S W } Expen^s	,, 18 —	
Bro Wm Burbeck J W }		
For the Second Lodge		
Bro John Rowe M paid Expen^s	,, 18 —	
For Louisburgh Lodge		
Bro Richard Gridley appeared & paid Charity		2 ,, 8 —
Expen^s from Grand Officers	,, 19 ,, 6	
Reckoning 34/6	£3 ,, 13 ,, 6	—2 ,, 8 ,,-

The Lodge being Opened

Voted That Six dollars be given Bro Lenox for his past Services

Friday April 13th 5759.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Bro Robert Jenkins	. . .	D G M
Bro James Forbes	. . . .	S G W
Bro Richard Gridley	. . .	J G W
Bro John Leverett	. . . .	G S —

For the Masters Lodge		
Bro Robert Williams M	paid Expens	,, 18 —
For the First Lodge		
Bro Adino Paddock S W Bro William Burbeck J W	paid Expens	,, 18 —
For the Second Lodge		
Bro James Forbes M	paid Expens	,, 18 —
Expens from Grand Officers		,, 5 —
Reckoning 17/4		£2 ,, 19 —

The Lodge being Opened

Our Right Worshipfull Brother Richard Gridley Esqr J G W informed the Grand Lodge that at the Request of a Worthy Bror at Louisburgh he had Granted a Deputation to a Number of Brothers to Hold a Lodge in His Majestys Twenty Eighth Regiment of Foot at Louisburgh and he presented the Grand Lodge with a Copy of the Deputation he gave them with a List of their Members which the D G M order'd to be recorded in the Grand Lodge Books —

[SEAL.] *To the Right Worshipfull & Loving*

Brethren of the Ancient & Honorable Society of Free & Accepted Masons Regularly Congregated —

Know Ye that the Right Worshipfull Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master of all Such places in North America where no other Grand Master is appointed, By His Commission to me Granted to Congregate all Free & Accepted Masons anywhere within his district and Form them into one or more Lodges as I shall think fit and to appoint Wardens and all other officers to a Lodge appertaining. Have by Virtue thereof Congregated & Formed a Lodge in His Majesty's Twenty Eighth Regiment of Foot, & Constituted Our Right Worshipfull Brother Edward Huntingford Master to Hold a

Lodge in said Regiment in North America with Power to appoint Wardens & all other officers to a Lodge appertaining hereby Giving to such Lodge all the Priviledges and Authority of Stated Lodges & enjoin them to Conform themselves to the Constitutions & ancient Customs of Masonry, and from Time to Time to transmit the names of the Members & all Persons that shall be made Masons in such Lodge with their Charity for the Releif of Indigent Brothers to the Grand Secretary at Boston

Given under my hand & Seal at Louisburgh this 13th of November 1758 and of Masonry 5758

RICHARD GRIDLEY G W

A List of the Officers & Members of Lodge N° Held at Louisburgh by authority of the Right Worshipfull Bro Richard Gridley Esqr Grand Warden

Edward Huntingford M
John Sunderland S W
Wm Mulholland J W
John Broadbelt Secr

Michael Walsh	Wm Phillips
John Bready	Geo Williams
Joseph Williams	Dav Henderson
John Little	Thomas Jones
John Prosser	Walter Tate
Henry McQuade	Thos Brooks
John Hinds	John Walsh
David Blakly	Edward Bready
Patt McMannus	James Fariter

Adam Tate —

[SEAL] *Jeremy Gridley G M*

To all and Every Our Right Worshipfull & Loving Brethren,

We Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master of the Ancient & Honorable Society of Free & Accepted Masons of all Such Places in North America where no Grand Master is appointed

Send greeting —

Know ye that we by Virtue of the Authority Committed to us By the Right Honorable & Right Worshipfull James Bridges Marquis of Carnarvan Grand Master of Masons do hereby nominate appoint & Authorize our Right Worshipfull & well beloved Richard Gridley Esqr to Congregate all Free & Accepted Masons in the Present Expedition against Crown Point, and form them into one or more Lodges, as he shall think fitt and to appoint Wardens, and all other Officers to a Lodge appertaining, and we do hereby give to Such Lodge & Lodges all the Priviledges & Authority of Stated Lodges and enjoin them to conform themselves to the Constitutions, and Ancient Customs of Masonry, and to transmit the Names of all Persons that shall be made Masons in any of them

and one Pistole for evey one so made to Our Grand Secretary at Boston for the use & Releif of indigent Brothers.

Given under our hand & the Seal of Masonry at Boston this 13th day of May in the year of Masonry 5756

Witness the Deputy Grand Master & Grand Wardens whose names are hereunto Subscribed —

James Forbes D G M
Robert Jenkins S G W
John Rowe J G W

By order of the Grand Master
John Leverett G S

[SEAL] *Jeremy Gridley G M*

To all and every Our Right Worshipfull and Loving Brethren Free and Accepted Masons now residing or that may hereafter reside in Providence in the Colony of Rhode Island

The Right Worshipfull Jeremy Gridley Esqr Provincial Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free & Accepted Masons in North America

Sendeth Greeting

Whereas application has been made unto us by John Gerish and Sundry other Brethren of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons now residing at Providence aforesaid that we would be pleased to Constitute them into a Regular Lodge that Masonry may increase & Flourish in those Parts

Now Know Ye That We have nominated ordained Constituted and appointed Our Right Worshipfull and well beloved Brother Capt John Burges to be the First Master of the Lodge at Providence aforesaid and do hereby impower him to Congregate the Brethren together and Form them into a Regular Lodge, He taking Special care in Chusing Two Wardens and other officers necessary for the due regulation thereof for one year at the end whereof the Lodge shall have Power to chuse & appoint their Master, and other officers and so annually, The Master & Wardens for the time being taking Special care that all and every Member admitted into said Lodge from time to time have been or shall be made regular Masons, and that they do cause all and every the Regulations Contained in the Printed Book of Constitutions (Except such as have been or may be repealed at any Quarterly Communication or other General Meeting in London) to be kept and observed as also all such other Rules & instructions as shall from time to time be transmitted them by us, or by our Deputy, or the Grand Master or his Deputy for the time being and that they do annually send an account in writing to us or our Deputy or to the Grand Master or his Deputy for the time being of the names of the Members of said Lodge and their place of abode with the days and place of Meeting with any other things that

they may think proper to communicate for the Benefit of their Lodge, and that they do send Two Guineas for their Constitution to be paid into the Stock of the Grand Lodge in Boston, and further that they do annually keep or cause to be kept, The Feast of S[t] John The Baptist and dine together on that day or near that day as shall be judged most convenient, and Lastly That they do regularly communicate with the Grand Lodge in Boston by sending to the Quarterly Communication such charity as their Lodge shall think fit for the Releif of Poor Brethren. Given under our Hand and Seal at Boston This Eighteenth day of January Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred & Fifty Seven and of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred & Fifty Seven.

JAMES FORBES D G M
ROBERT JENKINS S G W
JOHN ROWE J G W

By the Grand Masters Command
John Leverett G S

[SEAL] *Jeremy Gridley G M*

To all Free and Accepted Masons that shall inspect this Deputation

Know Ye that Whereas a Considerable Number of Master Masons have from Time to Time congregated themselves at Newport in the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations within our district as a Lodge of Master Masons, and have therein raised some Brothers of the Fellow Craft to Master Masons, not thinking but they had Authority so to do, and have now Petitioned us to confirm the said Degree, and to Form them into a Masters Lodge

We therefore, by the Authority given us by the Grand Master of Masons, do hereby confirm the said Degree to which any Brothers have been so raised and do appoint Our Beloved & Right Worshipfull Brother John Mawdsley to be Master of a Right Worshipfull Masters Lodge to be held at said New Port, He taking Special Care in Chusing Two Wardens and other officers necessary for the due Regulation thereof, and do hereby give and grant to the said Lodge all the Rights and Priviledges which any Masters Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons have or ought to have, enjoining them to send to us an account of the Time and place of their Meeting and a List of their Members, and Three Guineas for their Enrolment in the Grand Lodge Book in London. Given under our Hand and the Seal of Masonry this 20th day of March A D 1759 A L 5759. By the Grand Master's Command.

ROBERT JENKINS D G M
WILLIAM COFFIN S G W
RICH[D] GRIDLEY J G W

Witness JOHN LEVERETT G S

[SEAL] *Jeremy Gridley GM*

To all and every Our Right Worshipfull and Loving Brethren, We Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master of the Ancient & Honorable Society of Free & Accepted Masons of all such places in North America where no other Grand Master is appointed
Send Greeting

Know Ye that We By Virtue of the Authority Committed to us By the Right Honorable & Right Worshipfull James Brydges, Marquis of Carnarvan Grand Master of Masons, do hereby nominate appoint & authorize Our Right Worshipfull and well beloved Brother Abraham Savage to Congregate all Free and Accepted Masons in the Present Expedition intended against Canada at Lake George or else where in our district into one or more Lodges as he shall think fitt, and to appoint Wardens and all other Officers to a Lodge appertaining, and we do hereby give to Such Lodge and Lodges all the Priviledges and authority of Stated Lodges, and enjoin them to Conform themselves to the Constitutions and ancient Customs of Masonry and to transmit the Names of all Persons that shall be made masons in any of them, and Four dollars for every one so made to our Grand Secretary at Boston for the use and Relief of indigent Brothers. Given under our Hand and Seal at Boston this 13th day of April Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred & Fifty Nine and of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred & Fifty Nine. Witness the Deputy Grand Master & Grand Wardens whose names are hereunto Subscribed

By the Grand Masters Command
John Leverett G: S:

Robert Jenkins D G M
Wm Coffin S G W
Richd Gridley J G W

Tuesday 26th June 5759.

St John the Baptist day being a Sunday, Our Right Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master notified the Brethren in the Publick Prints that he should Celebrate the Feast of St John the Baptist at the House of Mr John Gratons at the Grey Hound Tavern in Roxbury where the Deputy Grand Master Held a Grand Lodge (the Grand Master being at Portsmouth) and the day was Celebrated as usual the Following Brethren Present

The Right Worshipfull Bro Robert Jenkins D G M

Bro William Torrey	Brother William Coffin S G W
William Rhodes	Charles Pelham J G W
James Thompson	James Forbes G T
Sam Holbrook	John Leverett G S
Edward Blanchard	Henry Price
Thomas Pearson	Andrew Belcher
Sam^ll Hardcastle	Hugh McDaniel
Townley	Benjamin Hallowell
John Jenkins	John Box

Bro Eze Price	Brother John Rowe
Samuel Swift	Robert William
Andrew M^c^kenzie	John Downe
Joseph Gardner	Arch M^c^Neil
Samuel Gardner	Adino Paddock
Richard Hooton	Andrew Oliver
Robert Treat Paine	Thomas Dipper
Lewis Deblois	Edmund Quincy
Samuel Marshall	Samuel Quincy
Peter Nogues	Henry Leddel
Joseph Webb	William Coffin Junr
Joseph Ballard	Anthony Brackett
Robert Jenkins Junr	Samuel Warner
Benj^a^ Mason	Joseph Miller

FRIDAY July 13th 5759.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brother Robert Jenkins . . . D G M
Bro^r^ Charles Pelham . . . . S G W
Bro^r^ Andrew Oliver . . . . J G W
Bro John Leverett . . . . G S
Bro Henry Price Bro Hugh M^c^Daniel
Bro Benj^a^ Hallowell

		Expen	Charity
For the Masters Lodge			
Brother Robert Williams M paid Expen^s^ & Charity	,, 18–	£1 .	7.
For the First Lodge			
Bro Adino Paddock M, Bro John Gore S W, Bro Joseph Webb J W } paid ditto . . .	18–		,, 18
For the Second Lodge			
Bro Sam^ll^ Holbrook M paid Expences	18–		
Expences from Grand Officers	9		
	£3 ,, 3–	2 ,,	5.

paid Stone the Reckoning 26/

The Lodge being Opened
Voted That 3 be a Committee to wait on the Brothers that do not frequent Lodges to Subscribe to the Constitution of Charity Brother James Forbes, Andrew Oliver & John Leverett

Friday October 12th 5759.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden at Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Brothr Jeremy Gridley Esqr G Mr
Robert Jenkins . . . D G Mr
Hugh McDaniel . . . S G W
Thomas Dipper . . . J G W
James Forbes . . . G T
Henry Price 12 —
Andrew Oliver

	Expens	Charity
Masters Lodge		
presented for Expences & Charity	£0 ,, 18	£0 ,, 18
Bro Robert Williams Mr		
Archl McNeil . . S W		
John Down . . . J W		
For the first Lodge		
Bro Adino Paddock } paid ditto	,, 18	1 ,, 9
Bro Nogues }		
For the second Lodge		
Bro John Rowe M } paid ditto	,, 18 . . .	
Bro Saml Dexter }		
	£3 ,, 6	2 ,, 7

Grand officers Expences . . . .

The Lodge being Opened

Voted That the Grand Treasurer purchase 10 Tickets in the Lottery at Rhode Island for building a Free Masons Hall at Newport.

Thursday Decm 27th 5759.

Being the Feast of St. John the Evangelist Our Right Worshipfull Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master Summon'd the Brethren to attend him at the Royal Exchange Tavern in Kingstreet Boston where was held a Grand Lodge and the Feast was Celebrated as Usual

Present

The Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esq G :M :
Bro Robert Jenkins . . . D :G :M :
Bro Charles Pelham . . . S :G :W :
Bro Robert Williams . . . J :G :W :
Bro James Forbes . . . G :T :
Bro Edm : Quincy . . . . G :S :p :t.
Bro Hugh McDaniel Bro Andrew McKenzie

Bro John Rowe	Bro Samuel Dexter
Bro John Box	Bro Ezekiel Price
Bro Thomas Dipper	Bro Sam[l] Quincy
Bro Henry Price	Bro Wm L Perkins
Bro Andrew Oliver	Bro Anthony Bracket
Bro Joseph Gardner	Bro William Torry
Bro Richard Gridley	Bro Thomas Walley
Bro Sam[l] Holbrook	Bro James Thompson
Bro Sam[l] Gridley	Bro Adino Paddock
Bro Henry Leddel	Bro Joseph Callender
Bro James Otis	Bro John Webb
Bro Arch[l] M[c]Neil	Bro Sam[l] Hardcastle
Bro John Leverett	Bro Joseph Russel

FRIDAY January 12th 5760.

At a Quarterly Communication Held in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipful	Bro Jeremy Gridley Esq . .	G M:
	Bro Rob[t] Jenkins . . .	D. G M.
	Bro: Charles Pelham. . .	S. G W:
	Bro: Thomas Dipper. . .	J: G W
	Bro James Forbes . . .	G T:
	Bro John Leverett . . .	G S:
	Bro Henry Price	

		Expens & Charity
For the Masters Lodge Bro Robert Williams M Bro Arch[d] M[c]Neil . . S W: Bro Adino Paddock . J: W.	Presented for £,, 18 ,,	— 1 ,, 2 ,,
For the first Lodge Bro Abraham Savage M. Joseph Webb . . S: W:	ditto ,, 18 ,,	— 2 ,, 14 ,,
For the Second Lodge Bro Edm[d] Quincy. M.	ditto ,, 18 ,,	— 1 ,, 7 ,,
Bro Abraham Savage appointed Master of a Lodge at Crown Point appeared& paid for Charity		14 ,, 8 ,,
	£2 ,, 14 ,,	—19 ,, 11 ,,

The Grand Master appointed
Bro Robert Jenkins D G M
Bro Richard Gridley S G W
Bro Charles Pelham J G W
G: O: Expen[s]

	9 . 7¼
£3 ,, 3 ,, 7¼	—19 ,, 11 ,,

Bro James Forbes was unanimously Baloted G T:
Bro John Leverett appointed . . . . . G S:
Voted That the G : S: shall have an Allowance henceforth for His Trouble & that 3 be a Committee to Examine His Books vizt Bro Jenkins Bro Williams & Bro Dipper & Report at the next Lodge or Quarterly Communication—
Voted That the same Committee examine the G : T : Acco^ts
Voted Bro Lenox 4 Dollars for His past Services
The G Lodge taking under Consideration the Misfortune of Our Right Worshipf^l Bro Hugh McDaniel late D G: M: by the late Fire in His House it was motion'd & Seconded that 50 Dollars be given Our said Bro Hugh McDaniel as a present out of the Stock of this Lodge & that the G T: pay him the Same

paid for Charity Book	£0 ,, 12 ,,—
Reckoning	2 ,, 14 ,, 7.
paid Lenox	1 ,, 4 ,,—
	£4 ,, 10 ,, 7

Friday April 11th 5760.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden at Boston

Present

The Right Worshipf^l Bro Robert Jenkins		D G M
Bro Richard Gridley	. . .	S G W
Bro Charles Pelham	. . .	J G W
Bro James Forbes	. . . .	G T:
Bro John Leverett	. . . .	G S:
Bro Henry Price	. . . . .	

		Expences	& Charity
For the Masters Lodge			
Bro Robert Williams M } Bro A Paddock . . J W }	Presented for	£ ,, 18 ,, —	0 ,, 15 ,, —
First Lodge presented for ditto		,, 18 ,, —	1 ,, 16 ,, —
Second Lodge presented by Bro McDaniel for ditto		,, 18 ,, —	. . . . .
Marblehead Lodge presented for Charity by Bro Saml Glover S: W: } Bro Andrew Tucker J W }	. . . . .		5 ,, 6 ,, 8
Reckoning £1 ,, 8 ,, 6.		£2 ,, 14 ,, —	7 ,, 17 ,, 8

The Lodge Open'd

Upon a motion made by our Bro Robert Williams to relieve those Brothers that were burnt out at the Great Fire in Boston March 20th past Voted that the Consideration thereof be referr'd to the next Quarterly Communication

Voted That 20 Dollars be given to Our Bro G S: for his Past Services

Voted That 10 Dollars be given to Mrs Hannah Jones Wife of our late Brothr John Jones Deceas'd as Charity

FRIDAY July 11th 5760.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr	G : M :
Bro Robert Jenkins . . .	D : G M
Bro Richard Gridley . . .	S : G W.
Bro John Row	J : G W.
Bro James Forbes	G : T
Bro John Leverett	G : S

	Expenses	Charity
For the Masters Lodge presented Bro Robert Williams M : Bro Andrew McKenzie S : W Bro Adi : Paddock J : W :	0 ,, 18 ,, —	0 ,, 6 ,, —
For the first Lodge Bro A Savage . M Bro Ed Quincy S : W	0 ,, 18 ,, —	
For the Second Lodge Bro Hugh McDaniel M. Bro Saml Holebrook S : W Bro Saml Calef J : W	0 ,, 18 ,, —	
	£2 ,, 14 ,, —	— 0 ,, 6 ,, —

Reckg £1 : ,, 10/ —

FRIDAY Octo 10th 5760.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden at Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfl Jeremy Gridley Esq	G : M	18/
Bro Robert Jenkins	D G M :	18/
Bro. Richd Gridley	S G W	
Bro Charles Pelham	J G W.	
Bro James Forbes	G : T :	18/
Bro Thomas Dipper		
Bro John Rowe		18/
		£3 ,, 12 ,, —

	Expensc	Charity
For the Masters Lodge Bro Robert Williams M : Bro Archl McNeil S : W : Bro Adino Paddock J : W : presented for	£ ,, 18 ,, —	1 ,, 16 ,, —

For the first Lodge Bro Henry Leddel M. Bro Joseph Webb . . S W Bro And McKenzie . J W	d° . . .	,, 18 ,, —.	,, . ,, —
For the Second Lodge Bro Hugh McDaniel . .M Bro John Amiel . . S W Bro Ezekl Price . . . J W	d° . . .	,, 18 ,, —	,, — ,, —
For Marblehead Lodge Bro Thomas Lewis presented		,, — ,, —	,, 18 ,, —
N B The Commission to hold their Lodge dated March 25 : 1760 from ye G Master in Boston J : G		£2 ,, 14 ,, —	£2 ,, 14 ,, —
Officers Expences		9 ,, 8–	
		£3 ,, 3 ,, 8	£2 ,, 14 ,, —

The Lodge being open'd

The Grand Master proposed that the Feast of St John be Celebrated & that the same be advertiz'd in the Boston Prints and that Summons be sent to all Masons known to be in the Town by the Grand Secretary not only in Town but also to the several Lodges adjacent–

Reckoning £2 ,, 4 ,, 2–

Tuesday Decr 27th 5760.

Being the Feast of St John the Evangelist

Our Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esq Grand Master summoned the Brethren to Attend him at the Brittish Coffee House in King Street where He Held a Grand Lodge and the Day was celebrated as usual

The Following Brethren Present

The Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr	G : M.
Bro Robert Jenkins . . .	D G M
Bro Charles Pelhams . . .	S : G W :
Bro Robt Williams	J : G W
Bro James Forbes	G : T.
Bro Edm Quincy	G : S :

Bro Hugh McDaniel	Bro John Leveret
Bro John Row	Bro Anthony Bracket
Bro Thomas Dipper	Bro Ezekiel Price
Bro Andrew Oliver	Bro William Perkins
Bro Joseph Gardner	Bro Saml Quincy
Bro John Box	Bro Joseph Russell
Bro Charles Price	Bro Thos Walley

Bro Sam[l] Holbrook	Bro Adino Paddock
Bro Sam[l] Gridley	Bro Joseph Callender
Bro Andrew M[c]kenzie	Bro Joseph Webb
Bro Richard Gridley	Bro Sam[l] Hardcastle
Bro James Otis	Bro William Torrey
Bro Henry Leddel	Bro James Thompson
Bro Arch[l] M[c]Neil	Bro Sam[l] Dexter

FRIDAY January 7th 5761.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden at Boston

Present.

The Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esq[r] G M:
Bro Richard Gridley . . . S: G W.
Bro Robert Williams . . . J: G W.
Bro John Leverett . . . G S:

	Expen[s] &	Charity
For the Masters Lodge		
Bro Thomas Dipper M Bro Sam[l] Holbrook S: W: Bro John Thompson J W	presented £0 ,, 18 ,, —	£0 ,, 15 ,, 7½
For the first Lodge		
Bro Joseph Gardner M. Bro Thomas Walley S W. Bro Joseph Russel J W.	ditto ,, 18 .. —	
For the second Lodge		
Bro John Box . . . M. Bro Edmund Quincy S W. Bro Samuel Gridley J W.	ditto ,, 18 .. —	
	£2 ,, 14 ,, —	0 ,, 15 ,, 7½

The Lodge being Opend

The Right Worshipful Grand Master appointed Bro Robert Jenkins D G M: Bro Charles Pelham S G W: & Bro Robert Williams J: G W:

Bro James Forbes unanimously Baloted in G: T:

Our Right Worshipf[l] appointed Bro Edmund Quincy G Secretary

Voted That Our Bro John Box Bro Richard Gridley & Bro Thomas Dipper be a Committee to Examine the G: T: Accounts.

Voted Bro Lenox T: 9 Dollars for Extraordinary Services.

FRIDAY April 8th 5761.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden In Boston

Present

The Right Worshipful Bro Jeremy Gridley Esq G M
Bro Robert Jenkins . . . D G M
Bro Charles Pelham . . . S. G. W
Bro Robert Williams . . . J G W
Bro James Forbes . . . G T
Bro Edm: Quincy . . . G S
Bro Hugh McDaniel Bro Richard Gridley

	Charity	Expences
The Masters Lodge Bro Robert Williams M Bro Adino Paddock S W Bro James Thompson J W	presented £1,, 10 ,, —	0,, 18 ,, —
For the First Lodge Bro Joseph Gardner M Bro Joseph Russel . . S W Bro Thos Walley J W	. . . . .	,, 18 ,, —
For the second Lodge Bro John Box M Bro And: McKenzie S W Bro John Leveret J W	. . . . .	,, 18 ,, —
Hampshire Lodge		
Newport		
New London		
Crown Point Lodge	For which Lodge Bro Abraham Savage M: appeared who is directed to Deposit the charity of that Lodge with the Grand Treasurer.	
New Haven do		
Middletown		
Providence		
Maryland		
Surranam		

The Lodge being Open'd

Voted That Bro John Box Bro James Forbes & John Leverett be a Committee to Wait upon those Brethren who do not Frequent Lodges with whom Bro Edmund Quincy G S: is Joind in the Affair

That Bro Jenkins Bro Williams & Bro Pelham are Desird to See that the Necessary Collections be made & Dinner provided on the 26th of June next being the Feast of St John Baptist

Voted That it be, and it is hereby recomended & Ordered by the Grand Master that no Member of a Regular constituted Lodge in Boston do appear at the Meeting (or Lodge so Call'd) of Scotts Masons in Boston not being Regularly constituted in the Opinion of this Lodge

The Master & Wardens of the several Lodges are desird to take Notice of this Order at their next Meeting.

WEDNESDAY June 24th 5761.

Being the Feast of St John Baptist Our Right Worshipful Bro Jeremy Gridley Esq Grand Master summonsd the Brethren to attend him at the Grey Hound Tavern in Roxbury, where He held a Grand Lodge, & the Day was celebrated as usual—

The following Brethren present

Right Worshipful Bro Jeremy Gridley Esq G M.
Bro Robert Jenkins . . D G M
Bro Charles Pelham . . S G W
Bro Robt Williams . . J G W
Bro James Forbes . . . G T:
Bro Edm: Quincy . . . G S:

Bro John Rowe	Bro James Otis
Bro William Coffin	Bro Archl McNeil
Bro John Box	Bro Antho Bracket
Bro Cha Price	Bro Joseph Russel
Bro Hugh McDaniel	Bro Thos Walley
Bro Beltr Bayard	Bro John Leveret
Bro Richd Gridley	Bro Wm Lee Perkins
Bro Thos Dipper	Bro Saml Quincy
Bro Henry Leddel	Bro Ezekl Price
Bro Joseph Gardner	Bro Adino Paddock
Bro Saml Gridley	Bro Saml Holbrook
Bro Andw Oliver	Bro Andw Mckenzie

Bro Abraham Savage

FRIDAY July 10th 5761.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipful Bro Jeremy Gridley Esq G M:
Bro Robert Jenkins . . . D G M:
Bro William Coffin . . . S G W:
Bro Robert Williams . . J: G W.

	Expences	Charity
For the Masters Lodge Bro Robt Williams M Bro Parker S: W Bro Thos Dipper J: W. } Presented for	0 ,,	18 ,,—
For the First Lodge Bro Joseph Gardner M: Bro Joseph Russel S: W. Bro Thos Walley J: W. }	£0 ,, 10 ,,—	,, 18 ,,—

For the Second Lodge

Bro John Box M. Bro Edm: Quincy S: W: Bro John Box Jr. J: W.	. . . . 2 ,, 6 ,, 6 ,,	,, 18 ,,—
	£2 ,, 16 ,, 6 .	2 ,, 14 ,,—

Surrinam Lodge	Marblehead Lodge
New Haven Lodge	Portsmouth Lodge
Newport Lodge	Halifax Lodge
Providence Lodge	Louisbourge Lodge
Maryland Lodge	&
Crown Point Lodge	Anapolis Lodge.

The Lodge being Opend

Voted that £3 ,, 17—Ballance due to Bro Graton for the Dinner upon last St John Baptist Day be paid by the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge to be refunded by the Money arising out of the Charity in Bro Abraham Savage's Hands late Master of Crown Point Lodge.

Friday October 9th 5761.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden in Boston

Present

The Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esq	. G: M
Bro Robert Jenkins . . .	D G M
Bro Charles Pelham . . .	S G W
Bro Robert Williams . .	J G W
Bro James Forbes . . .	G T
Bro Edm: Quincy . . .	G S:

		Expences	Charity
For the Masters Lodge Bro Robert Williams . M Bro Adino Padock . . S. W	presented for £0 ,, 18 ,,–		
For the First Lodge Bro Joseph Gardner . M: Bro Joseph Russel . . S W:	. .	,, 18 ,,–	
For the second Lodge Bro John Box . . . M. Bro John Box jr . . J: W.	.	,, 18 ,,–	
The Crown Point Lodge Bro Abraham Savage . M Presented for Charity	. . .		£11 ,, 19 ,, 2
		£2 ,, 14 ,,–	11 ,, 19 ,, 2

The Lodge being Opend

Voted That the Grand Treasurer do purchase the newest Book of the Constitutions.

Voted That the Masters of the several Lodges do bring a List of the Names of their Members or Visitors that have paid Charity since the Institution by the Grand Lodge the Next Quarterly Communication.

Voted That for the Future every Master that shall bring Charity to the Grand Lodge Shall Lay before the Lodge a List of the names of those persons who paid Charity with the Sum each Person Subscribed.

Voted That the Celebration of the Feast of St John the Evangelist [be held] & that the Dinner be provided at Bro Ballards.

TUESDAY, Decr 29th 5761.

St John the Evangelist Day being on Saturday The Right Worshipful Grand Master appointed this day for the Celebration of the Feast at Bro Ballards at the British Coffee House where He Held a Grand Lodge and the Day was spent as usual the Following Brethren were

Present

The Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esq G M:
Bro Robert Jenkins . . D G M:
Bro Charles Pelham . . S G W
Bro Robert Williams . J G W
Bro James Forbes . . G T:
Bro Edm: Quincy . . G S:

Bro Hugh McDaniel	Bro Anthony Bracket
Bro John Rowe	Bro William Perkins
Bro John Box	Bro James Thompson
Bro Thos Dipper	Bro Archl McNeil
Bro Andrew Oliver	Bro Job Wheelwright
Bro Richard Gridley	Bro Joseph Webb
Bro Saml Gridley	Bro Thos Walley
Bro Saml Holbrook	Bro Joseph Russel
Bro Henry Price	Bro Joseph Callender
Bro Joseph Gardner	Bro Abraham Savage
Bro James Otis	Bro William Torry
Bro Henry Leddel	Bro Henry Appleton
Bro Saml Quincy	Bro James Flagg
Bro Samuel Dexter	Bro John Salter
Bro Ezekiel Price	Bro Nathl Abrahams

Bro Richd Billings
& Sundry Brethren from other Lodges.

FRYDAY Jany 8th 5762.

At a Quarterly Communication Holden at Boston

Present

The Right Worshipful Bro Jeremy Gridley Esq G M.

Appointed by the Grand Master { Bro Robert Jenkins . . . D G M.
Bro John Box . . . S G W.
Bro Robert Williams . . . J G W

Unanimously balloted in { Bro James Forbes . . . . . G T:
Bro Edm: Quincy . . . . . G S:

presented for Expences & Charity

For the Masters Lodge
Bro Joseph Gardner . . M. }
Bro Gibbons . . S: W } . ,, 18 ,, — 1 ,, 13 ,, 9
Bro Joseph Russel . . J: W }

For the first Lodge
Bro Abraham Savage . M }
Bro Thos Walley . . S: W } . ,, 18 ,, — .. ,, 19 ,,—
Bro Joseph Man . . . J: W }

For the second Lodge
Bro Archl McNeil . . M }
Bro John Box Jr . . S: W } . ,, 18 ,, — 1 ,, 13 ,, 4
Bro Henry Leddel . . J: W }

The Lodge being Opend

Voted that Bro Robert Jenkins Bro Richard Gridley & Bro McDaniel be a Committee for Examining the G Treasurers Accounts & the G: Secrety Book of Records & determine what Allowances he shall have for his Services.

Voted That Bro Lenox the Toiler have 9 Dollars for his Extra Services the Year past

Voted That the Ballance due to Bro Ballard being £6 ,, 2 ,, 4 . at the last Feast be Divided between the Grand Lodge & the first and second Lodge in equal Proportions & the Masters do recommend it accordingly.

Voted That Bro Dipper be provided with a Certificate signd by the Grand Officers of the several Offices he has sustained in Masonry & a Recommendation accordingly.

paid The Toiler . . £2 ,, 14 ,, —
Reckoning . . 2 ,, 2 ,, 1

A List of those Persons who paid Charity in the first Lodge, and the Sums they respectively paid the Year last past agreeable to the Vote of last Grand Lodge. See Page 97

Henry Price	£0 ,, 3 ,, 0
Richard Gridley	,, 6 ,, —
Adino Paddock	,, 12 ,, —
Abraham Savage	,, 3 ,, —

Joseph Russel	£0 ,,	1 ,,	6
Joshua Gardner	,,	6 ,,	—
Thomas Fleet	,,	3 ,,	—
Moses Pitcher	,,	1 ,,	6
Joseph Mann	,,	3 ,,	—
Christopher Clarke	,,	6 ,,	8
Thomas Oxnard	,,	6 ,,	8

T: Oxnard. [L. S.] *Proc^l G M*

TO ALL AND EVERY Our R^t Worshipful, Worshipful, and Loving Brethren Free and Accepted Masons now residing or that may hereafter reside in Newport on Rhode Island The Right Worshipful Thomas Oxnard Esq—Provincial Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons—

SENDETH GREETING.

WHEREAS a Petition sign'd by George Gardner and divers others Free and accepted Masons in Newport aforesaid hath been presented unto us Shewing that Their late Master The R^t Worsh^l Mr Caleb Phillips has used the said Lodge unbecoming a Mason by wth hold^g from the Lodge our Deputation by him Granted as Master thereof as also the Records of said Lodge, wch being the Foundation on which their Lodge is Established the with-holding thereof. has left them in the Utmost Confusion and uncertainty and Whereas the Prayer of said Petition is that we would be pleas'd to nominate & appoint another Master for said Lodge that Masonry may again revive and flourish in those Parts.

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE

THAT WE have nominated Ordain'd & appointed & by these Presents do Nominate ordain & appoint Our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brother Mr Robert Jenkins to be Master of the said Lodge in Newport and do hereby impower him to Congregate the Brethren together and Form into a Regular Lodge He taking special Care in choosing Two Wardens & other Officers necessary for the Due Regulation thereof for one Year at the End thereof the Lodge shall have Power to Chuse and Appoint their Master & other Officers & so on añually the Master & Wardens for the time being taking special Care that all & Every Member admitted into said Lodge from time to Time have been or Shall be made regular MASONS; and that they Due cause all & Every The Regulations containd in the Printed Book of Constitutions (except so far as they have been alterd by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Meetings in London) to be Kept and Observ'd, and also all such other Rules & Instructions as shall from time to time be transmitted to them by us or by our Deputys or by the Grand Master

or his Deputy for the Time being & that they do send annualy an Account in writeing to us or Our deputy or to the Grand Master or his Deputy for the Time being of the Names of the Members of the said Lodge and their Place of Abode with the Days & Place of Meeting with any other things that they may think proper to Communicate for the Benefitt of their Lodge and lastly that they do annualy keep or Cause to be Kept the Feast of St John the Evangelist & dine together on that Day or near that Day as shall be Judgd most convinient.

Given under Our Hand & Seal at Boston this fourteenth Day of May Anno Domini 1753. and of Masonry 5753.

By the Grand Masters Command

Hugh McDaniel . . D. G. M:

Henry Leddel } Inbehalf of Benjamin Hallowell } . . S. G. W

John Leverett G. S. John Box . . . . . J. G. W.

A List of those who were made Masons by Abraham Savage Master of the Lodge at Crown Point alias Fort Frederick A D 1759. and of Masonry 5759 — — — Viz^t

Major John Furnass
Capt Aaron Willard
Leiu^t John Pell
Doct^r Wm Williams
Leiu^t John Church
Leiu^t Jon^a Showers
Capt James Gray
Capt David Allen
Capt Peter Gorden
Leiu^t John Knox
Leiu^t Patrick West
Leiu^t Dudley Ash
} All of His Majestys first or Royal Regiment.

A: L: 5760 were made Masons there:

Major Saml Gerrish
Leiu^t Barzil: Willard
Mr Samuel Jennison
Capt Job Williams
Doct^r P: G: Kast
Leiu^t Jer^h Chubbuck
Leiu^t Jn^a Lowder
Capt Jon^a Moulton
Mr Thos Payson
Capt Saml Jenks
Capt John Dunlap
Leiu^t Eben^z Bancroft
Leiu^t Dummer Sewell
Leiu^t Andrew McMullen
Leiu^t John Fletcher
Mr John Coleman
Capt Simon Stevens
Leiu^t Gilbert Dench
Ens^n William How
Mr Benj^a Furnass &
Leiu^t John Vickers of His Majestys 22^d Regiment.

ELIZABETH TOWN July 28th 1762.

Right Worshipfull.

I had the honor of receiving both your Letters by the Post. I cannot find that Mr Daniel Cox had anything to do with the Province of Maryland: Upon discoursing with a brother at Philadelphia about a Year ago, he told that the Lodge at Anapolis in Maryland, was held by a Warrant from Boston had many Years ago. And upon the strictest Enquiry I find that Mr Daniel Cox Died before 1754 the Time you mention. Therefore as you was pleased to say, that if the Case was so, you would send me a Deputation immediately: and as you wrote nothing about a formality in Obtaining it, I am desired by all those I have Communicated Your Letter to, to Write immediately for a Deputation for myself to be the first Master of the Temple Lodge in Elizabeth Town N° 1. if you think proper to give it that Name. We have had a Petition drawn to You to appoint a Deputy Grand Master of New Jersey: Pray will it be proper, and agreeable to You, to grant such a Deputation?

If you Order a Deputation to be sent me, I hope it will be soon: and please to put it under Cover to Mr John Hunt, Post Master in Elizabeth Town, and then it will be not only free of Postage, but Safe: unless our Parson (Chandler) should be in Boston, which I expect he is. Please also to say in your Letter what Charge there is attending the Warrant, and it shall punctually be sent by the Post with the Thanks of the Lodge.

I am, Sir, Your Most Obedient Servant and Brother

I am well known by Govr Bernard. JONATHAN HAMPTON.

Jeremiah Gridley Esqr

FRYDAY April 9th 5762.

At a quarterly Communication holden at Boston

Present

The Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esq		G: M:
	Bro Robert Jenkins . .	D: G: M:
	Bro John Box	S: G: W:
	Bro Robert Williams . .	J: G: W:
	Bro James Forbes . . .	G: T:
	Bro Edmd Quincy . . .	G: S:y
Bro Henry Price.	Bro J: O: Speirin	Bro Benoit Aquart.

For the Masters Lodge

	Presented for Expences	Charity
Bro Joseph Gardner M:		
Bro Joseph Russell S: W:		
Bro Adino Paddock J: W:	£ — ,, 18 ,, —	1 ,, 16 ,, 5

For the first Lodge

Bro: Abraham Savage M:		
Bro: Thos Walley . S: W:	. . . . .	,, 18 ,, —
Bro: Jos: Mann . J: W:		

For the second Lodge		
Bro: Arch[l] M[c] Neil M:		
Bro John Box J[r] S: W:	. . . . . ,, 18 ,, —	
Bro: John Cutler . . J: W:		
	. . . . .	2 ,, 14 ,, —
		£4 ,, 10 ,, 5
	Expences	2 ,, 15 ,, 2

Surranam Lodge	Providence Lodge	
Mary Land Lodge	Crownpoint Lodge.	
New Haven Lodge	Marblehead Lodge	
Middletown Lodge	Portsmouth Lodge	
Hartford Lodge	Halifax Lodge	
Newport Lodge	Louisburge Lodge	Falmouth Lodge.

The Lodge being Opend

Voted That the Feast of S[t] John be celebrated Out of Boston if can be accomodated.

The Right Worshipf[l] G. M appointed Bro: Joseph Callender Tho[s] Whalley Adino Paddock & the G: S: be Grand Stewards for the Feast.

Thursday June 24th 5762.

Being the Feast of S[t] John the Baptist

The Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esq[r] G: Master summond the Brethren to Attend him at the Brittish Coffee House in King street Boston where he held a Grand Lodge & the Feast was celebrated as usual. The following Brethren being Present

Right Worsh[l] Jeremy Gridley Esq	G: M.
Bro Robert Jenkins . . .	D G. M
Bro John Box	S. G. W
Bro Robert Williams . . .	J. G. W
Bro James Forbes	G: T
Bro Edm. Quincy	G: S

Bro Henry Price	Bro Hayes
Bro Arch[l] M[c]Neil	Bro Wheelwright
Bro Ab: Savage	Bro Johonnot
Bro Joseph Gardner	Bro Perkins
Bro Wynne	Bro Hurd
Bro Sperin	Bro Dupee
Bro Sweeny	Bro Torry
Bro Spooner	Bro Fleet
Bro Knight	Bro Jennings
Bro Furnas	Bro Wharton
Bro M[c]Carthy	Bro Edm: Quincy Tert[s]

Bro Lamas	Bro Sam[l] Quincy
Bro Russel	Bro Tynge
Bro Blake	Bro Pason
Bro Negus	Bro Roads
Bro Henchman	Bro Carrol
Bro Box Jr :	Bro Jos Russell
Bro Williams	Bro Brown
Bro Jackson	Bro Church

FRYDAY July 10th 1762.

At a Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication Holden at Boston

Present

Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esq G M
Bro Robert Jenkins . . D G M
Bro John Box . . . . . S G W
Bro Robert Williams . . J G W
Bro James Forbes . . . G : T
Bro Edm[d] Quincy . . . G : S :

Bro Henry Price	Bro Hugh M[c]Daniel	Bro J : G Sperin
Bro Lammers.	Bro Wynn	Bro James Bradford

For the Masters Lodge

	presented for Expences	Charity
Bro Joseph Gardner M[r]		
Bro Joseph Callender S : W		
Bro Joseph Russel J : W.	£0 ,, 18 ,, —	0 ,, 18 ,, 6

For the first Lodge

Bro Abraham Savage M		
Bro Tho[s] Walley . . S : W	,, 18 ,, —	1 ,, 10 ,, —
Bro Jo : Wheelwright J : W.		

For the Second Lodge

Bro Arch[l] McNeil M		
Bro John Box . . S : W	. . ,, 18 ,, 1½	
Bro John Cutler . J : W		
	£2 ,, 14 ,, 1½	— 2 ,, 8 ,, 6

Surranam Lodge	Providence Lodge	No Persons appeard for those Lodges
Maryland d°	Marblehead d°	
New Haven d°	Portsmouth d°	
Middletown d°	Falmouth d°	
Hartford d°	Halifax d°	
Crownpoint d°	Louisburge d°	
Newport d°		

The Lodge being opend

Voted That the Quarterly Communication be alterd from the second to the fourth friday in every Quarter for the conveniency of each Lodge.

That the Charge of advertizments & Tickets for the Convention of the Grand Lodge St John Baptist & St John the Evangelist Days be paid by the Grand Treasurer in Future.

Fryday October 22^d 5762.

At a Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication Holden at Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Bro Jeremy Gridley Esqr G M
Bro Robert Jenkins . . . D G M
Bro John Box . . . . . S : W.
Bro Robert Williams . . J : W.
Bro James Forbes . . . . G T.
Bro Edm : Quincy . . . . G S^y
Bro Henry Price Bro Richard Gridley

	Expences	Charity
For the Mrs Lodge Bro Jos : Gardner . M Bro Ja^s Thompson . S : W. Bro Jos Russel . . . J : W.	,, 18 ,, —	
For the first Lodge Bro A : Savage . . M. Bro Wm Jackson . S W. Bro Nathl Hurd . . J : W.	,, 18 ,, —	£0 ,, 12 ,, 3
For the second Lodge Bro John Box . . M Bro . . . Cutler . S : W Bro . . . Jackson . J : W	,, 18 ,, —	3 ,, 14 ,, 8
	2 ,, 14 ,, —	4 ,, 6 ,, 11
		2 ,, 14 ,, —
		£7 : 0 : 11

Surranam Lodge Maryland Lodge Elizabeth Town Lodge New Haven ditto Middletown Lodge Hartford Lodge Crownpoint Lodge	Newport Lodge Providence ditto Mhead Lodge Portsmouth ditto Falmouth Lodge Halifax ditto Louisburge ditto	No Persons appeared In Behalf of those Lodges.

A Motion was made by Bro' Price that We Celebrate the Feast of St Johns

Voted that it be Celebrated

The Grd Master appointed Bro' Jenkins, Bro' Box, Bro' Forbes, Bro' Williams & Bro' Quincy a Comtee to consult the best Method of Celebrating said Feast to make report at the next Masters Lodge.

Voted That 10 Dollars be given to Bro Dun by the Grand Treasurer in Consideration of His Sufferings in a French Prison

A List of the Brethren who attended at the Celebration of the Feast of St John the Evangelist at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, on Monday December 27, 5762

R Wors: Jeremy Gridley Esqr G. M.

Henry Price Esqr Past G. M.
Robert Jenkins D. G. M.
John Box S. G. W.
Robert Williams J. G. W.
James Forbes G. T.
John Rowe } Past G. O.
Hugh McDaniel } Past G. O.
Charles Pelham } Past G. O.
Joseph Gardner M. M. L.
Joseph Russel } Ws
Thomas Walley } Ws
Abraham Savage, M 1st L
Joseph Mann } Ws
John Joy } Ws
Archibald McNeil M. 2d L.
John Cutler } Ws
William Jackson } Ws
Joseph Ingersoll,
Robert Rogers,
Nathaniel Rogers,
Samuel Fitch,
John Box junr.
Thomas Brown,
William Lee Perkins,
Capt Dorrington,
Henry Rhodes,
William Tyng,
William Murray
Samuel Blodget,
Andrew Cazneau,
Benjamin Barnard,
Phillip Dumaresq,
Jonas Cutler,
James Jackson,
Adino Paddock,
John Wharton,
Thomas Payson,
Moses Pitcher,
Jonathan Lowder,
John Perkins,
Thomas Knight,
John Furnass,
William Spooner,
Christopher Clarke,
Nathaniel Hurd,
Thomas Fleet.

FRYDAY Jany 28th 5763.

At a Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication Holden at Boston

Present

The Right Worshipful Bro Jeremy Gridley Esq G: M.
Bro Robt Jenkins . . D G: M
Bro John Box . . . S: W
Bro Robert Williams . J: W
Bro James Forbes . . G: T.
Bro Edmd Quincy . . G: S.

		Expences	Charity
For the Masters Lodge			
Bro Rich[d] Gridley . . .	M[r]	0 ,, 18 ,, –	1 ,, 4 ,, –
Bro Joseph Russel . . .	S: W:		
Bro Tho[s] Whalley . . .	J: W.		
For the first Lodge			
Bro Abraham Savage . .	M.	0 ,, 18 ,, –	1 ,, 8 ,, 4
Bro Joseph Man . . .	S. W.		
Bro John Joy	J: W.		
For the second Lodge			
Bro John Box	M.	0 ,, 18 ,, –	,, 18 ,, –
Bro Jn[o] Cutler	S: W.		
Bro W[m] Jackson . . .	J: W.		
		£2 ,, 14 ,, –	3 ,, 10 ,, 4

Surranam Lodge	Newport Lodge	No persons appear'd in behalf of those Lodges.
Maryland Lodge	Providence ditto	
Elizabeth Town d[o]	Marblehead ditto	
New Haven d[o]	Portsmouth ditto	
Middletown d[o]	Falmouth ditto	
Hartford Lodge	Halifax ditto	
Crownpoint d[o]	Louisburge ditto	

The Lodge being Opend

The Grand Master appointed Bro John Rowe D G: M. Bro Rob[t] Williams S: G: W & Bro Andrew Oliver J: G: W — Bro James Forbes balloted in G: T.

The Grand Master appointed Bro Edm: Quincy G: S.

Voted That the Thanks of the Lodge be given Bro Robert Jenkins for His Past Services during 6 years—

Voted that Bro E Quincy G: S: be allowd six pounds for His Services the last year & the G: T is hereby orderd to pay him accordingly.

Voted That the G: S do write specialy Letters to the several Lodges out of Town, for Charity. Bro Row Bro Jenkins & Bro R: Gridley are appointed a Committee to Examine the G: Treasurers Acco[ts] & report accordingly the next Gr[d] Lodge, & also to examine the Demands of Bro Stone ab[t] an After Reckoning April 9th & October 22[d] last.

Voted That the Toiler be paid 5 Dollars for his Service the last year—

Voted That Bro Robert Jenkins, John Row, & Andrew Cazneau have the Thanks of this Lodge for discharging Bro John Endicott from His Confinement having paid for him £7 ,, 7 ,, 4 L: M[y] Supply by the G: Treasurer.

FRYDAY April 22d 5763

At a Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication Holden at Boston

Present

Right Worshipfl Bro Jno Row		D G M
	Bro Richd Gridley	S : G : W.
	Bro John Box	J : G : W.
	Bro James Forbes	G : T.
	Bro Edm : Quincy	G : S.

		Charity	Expences
For the Masters Lodge			
Bro Jos : Gardner	M :	none	£0 ,, 18 ,, –
Bro James Thompson	S : W		
Bro Thos Hayes . . .	J : W		
For the first Lodge			
Bro Ab : Savage . .	M	0 ,, 9 ,, –	,, 18 ,, –
Bro Jos. Man . . .	S : W		
Bro John Joy . . .	J : W		
For the Second Lodge			
Bro Edm : Quincy	M	1 ,, 5 ,, 7	,, 18 ,, –
Bro John Cutler	S : W		
Bro Wm Jackson	J : W		

Surranam Lodge	Newport	No Persons appeard for these Lodges.
Maryland ditto	Providence	
Elizabeth Town do	Marblehead	
New Haven	Portsmouth	
Middletown	Falmouth	
Hartford do	Halifax	
Crownpoint	Louisburge	

The Lodge being opend

Voted that Bro Ballards Bill for the Grand Comtee of Charity be paid, vizt £1 ,, 9 ,, 0

Voted that Bro Row Bro Richd Gridley & Brothr Jenkins or either two of them be a Comtee to determine wether the Grand Sectry ought not to have the 6 £ Voted Him for past Services to Octo 11th 1762

Voted that Bro Ab: Savage Bro Cutler & Bro Jackson be a Comtee to determine who will entertain the Lodge on St John Baptist day next.

FRIDAY June 24th 5763.

Being the Feast of St John Baptist.

The Right Worshipl Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master summond the Brethren to attend at the George Tavern where he held

a Grand Lodge & the Feast was Celebrated in the Usual manner. The following Officers & Brethren being present

Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr	G : M :
Henry Price	P. G. M.
Robert Jenkins P.	D. G. M.
Robert Williams	S. G. W.
Hugh McDaniel	J. G. W.
James Forbes	G. T.
William Coffin	
Joseph Gardner	M. M. L.
Joseph Russell, Thomas Walley	W. M. L.
Abraham Savage	M. 1st L.
Joseph Mann, John Joy	W^{s}. 1st L.
Edmund Quincy.	M 2^{d} L.
John Cutler, James Jackson	W 2^{d} L.

John Box.	Archibald McNeill.
Ezekiel Price.	Samuel Fitch.
James Thompson.	Edmund Quincy tert^{s}
Job Wheelwright.	Adino Paddock.
John Box Junr.	Thomas Brown.
William Tyng.	Thomas Fleet.
Christopher Clarke.	Daniel McCarthy.
Lieu^{t} Burns.	William Taylor
Levi Willard	Daniel Henchman
Nathaniel Hurd.	Henry Rhodes.
James Lang.	William Dorrington.
C Minot	Edward Blanchard
J Shepard.	Thomas Hase.
Levi Jennings.	R Clarke.
Phillip Dumaresq.	Howard Jacobson.
Capt Dunn.	Henry Christian Gier.
Joshua Gardner.	Benjamin Barnard.
Edward Church.	John Wharton.
Andrew Cazneau.	William Bayard.
Perkins.	Moses Pitcher.

Fryday July 28th 5763.

Being Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication Holden at Boston

Present

The Right Worshipfull Bro Jeremy Gridley Esq	G : M.
Bro Jno Rowe . .	D : G : M
Bro Richd Gridley .	S : G : W

Bro Jn° Box . . .	J : G : W
Bro James Forbes .	G : T :
Bro Edm : Quincy .	G : S :

		Expences	Charity
For the Masters Lodge			
Bro Joseph Gardner	M	0 ,, 18 ,,	0 ,, 0 ,,
Bro Joseph Russell	S : W		
For the First Lodge			
Bro Abraham Savage	M	0 ,, 18 ,,	,, 18 ,,
Bro John Joy . .	S : W.		
Bro Jos : Man . .	J W.		
For the second Lodge			
Bro John Cutler . .	M.	0 ,, 18 ,,	,, 18 ,,
Bro James Jackson	S : W.		
Bro John Box Jr .	J : W.		

Bro Henry Price.

The Lodge being opened
The Several Lodges following were called to Attend

Surranam Lodge	Newport Lodge	No Officers appeard for these Lodges
Maryland d°	Providence d°	
Elizabeth Town Lodge	Marblehead d°	
New Haven d°	Portsmouth d°	
Middletown d°	Falmouth d°	
Hartford d°	Halifax d°	
Crownpoint d°	Louisburge d°	

TUESDAY September 13th 5763.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master summond a Special Lodge to Consult the Grand Officers on Several affairs of Importance when were Present

Right Worshipful Bro Jeremy Gridley Esq

Bro Henry Price	Bro Robert Jenkins D G M
Bro H M'Daniel	Bro Edmund Quincy G. S :
Bro John Box	Bro John Joy
Bro Henry Leddel	Bro Joseph Man
Bro Abraham Savage	Bro Joseph Russel
Bro John Cutler	Bro James Jackson

Bro John Box. Jr.

The Grand Master having Communicated what he thought proper received the Thanks of the Lodge for his especial Care.

Monday Oct° 24 5763.

At a Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication Holden at Boston

Present

The Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esq G M
Bro John Rowe . . . D : G : M
Bro John Box . . . S : G : W
Bro Henry Leddel . . J : G. W
Bro James Forbes . . G : T

For the Masters Lodge
Bro Joseph Gardner M :
Bro Joseph Russel . S : W

For the first Lodge
Bro Abraham Savage M.
Bro John Joy . . S : W
Bro Joseph Man . J : W

For the Second Lodge
Bro John Cutler M
Bro James Jackson S : W
Bro John Box . . J : W

The Lodge was opened and the several Lodges within the Grand Masters Jurisdiction were called after wch the Grand Master appointed Bro Abraham Savage & Jn° Cutler to Consider and Determine on the best Method to Hold the Annual Feasts & Report to him accordingly at the Next Masters Lodge & then was pleas'd to order that the Feast of St John the Evangelist should be duely Celebrated. Other Business ordered not to be Recorded.

Friday October 28th 1763.

Being a Special Grand Lodge Night the Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to Summon all the Masons in Boston to Attend him at Concert Hall in Boston: Accordingly the following Brethren met, Viz. —

Right Worshipf^l John Rowe Esqr D. G. M.
Bro^r Hugh McDaniel S. G. W.
Archibald McNeill, J. G. W.
Henry Price, P. G M.
James Forbes, G. T.
John Box, P. G. O.
Edmund Quincy, G. S.
Joseph Gardner, M. M. L.
Joseph Russell, } W. ,,
Thomas Walley, }
Abraham Savage, M. 1st. L

Joseph Mann, John Joy,	W^s. 1st L.
John Cutler,	M. 2^d L.
James Thompson,	J. W.

Samuel Holbrook	Paul Burbeen
John Gould,	Moses Pitcher
William Burbeck	Joseph Callender
Andrew McKensie	John Perkins
Phillip Dumaresq	Mr Ramsay
William Lee Perkins	Capt Newsham
Lt Sherriff	William Murray
Thomas Ivers,	Richard Salter
Thomas Brown,	John Box Junr
Capt Prince	Levi Jennings
Thomas Hase	Nathaniel Hurd
Jonathan Lowder	Thomas Fleet
John Blake	Samuel Barrett
Henry Wells	Christopher Clarke
William Bayard,	Elias Dupee
Andrew Johonnott,	Hugh Hunter
Murtagh McCarrol	Job Wheelwright.

The Lodge being opened,

It was Voted unanimously that Concert Hall, in which the Brethren are now Assembled, be Purchased, for the Honour Benefit & Convenience of Free Masons at the Rate of Twelve hundred Pounds Sterling, and that a Subscription be immediately put about, to raise the said Sum, towards Purchasing, Furnishing, and otherwise Accommodating the Fraternity for the Future. But Mr Stephen Deblois notwithstanding the Foregoing Vote and a Consequent agreement with him, Sold the House to Mr Nathl Wheelwright the next Day, whereby the Subscriptions & other Provisions made for the Purchase aforesaid became Abortive. To the Great disappointment, as well as Charge of the Brethren in their Meetings about it.—

The Expences were as follows, Viz.

Edmund Quincy's Bill, for.

Lisbon Wine 2 doz-48/ Jamaica Spirit 3 gall^s 21/	£3 ,, 9 ,, —
Loaf Sugar 8½– £7/7½– 10¾^lbs cheese 8/3–200 Lemmons 36/	2 ,, 11 ,, 10½
13 doz. Biscuit 6/8–½ Gro Pipes 6/8– 3^lbs Tobacco 1/9½– 3 W glasses 1/6	,, 16 ,, 7½
Use of 17 Bowles & 33 Glasses	,, 4 ,,
	7 ,, 1 ,, 6
Deduct 14 bottles Returned	,, 3 ,, 9
	£6 ,, 17 ,, 9

John Rowe's Bill for 24 Bottles Medaira Wine		3 ,, 12 ,,
Stephen Deblois's Bill for 24 Spirma Ceti Candles	£0 ,, 14 ,, 4	
On October 28th for 17 Candles in the Hall, 13 in the Candlesticks, 4 in the Lanthorns, 34 in all 5 in the Pound is 6 pound & 4 Candles @ 1/	,, 6 ,, 9¾	
On Novr 4th for 12 Candles in the Hall, 12 do in the Candlesticks, 2 do in Lanthorns is 26 Candles	,, 5 ,, 4	
for Firing . . .	,, 1 ,, 4	
Use of the Hall 2 Nights	1 ,, 16 ,, —	
		3 ,, 3 ,, 9¾
Paid Lenox to procure Sundrys and for his Trouble & Attendance		,, 18 ,, —
Paid for Loaf Sugar 2/6 Tobacco 1/ 2½ Biscuit 2/ 4¾ Cheese 5/ 7½ Sieve 11d 1/4		,, 12 ,, 8
		£15 ,, 4 ,, 2¾
Recd by Collection in the Hall	£4 ,, 18 ,, 8	
Paid by the Grand Lodge . .	5 ,, 2 ,, 9½	
Paid by the First Lodge . .	2 ,, 11 ,, 4¾	
Paid by the Second Lodge .	2 ,, 11 ,, 4½	
		15 ,, 4 ,, 2¾

December 27th 5763.

Being the Feast of St John the Evangelist.

Our Right Worshipfull Jeremy Gridley Esqr summon'd the Brethren to attend him when he held a Grand Lodge & Celebrated the Day as Usual.

Present

The Right Worshipfl Jeremy Gridley Esqr	G : M.
Bro John Rowe	D : G : M
Bro Richard Gridley . } . . .	G W :
Bro John Box . . . }	
Bro Robert Jenkins	
Bro Henry Price	
Bro Edmund Quincy	G S :

Bro Joseph Gardner Bro Abraham Savage Bro John Cutler & 41 other Brethren of Several Lodges

Extract of a Letter from the Earl of Elgin and Kincardin Grand Master of Scotland dated Edinburgh 4th June 1762

"The last Reason assign'd by the Lodges in Boston for their unkind behaviour to you, is, that the Right Worshipful Jeremiah Gridley Esqr looks upon your Charter as an infringement of his Province as Grand Master of North America; it is my Opinion there may be some Mistake in this; You say he saw, Read and approved of your Charter, if he had any Objections, he certainly would have Signified them to You when you Show'd him your Charter; I am Confident my Right Worshipful Brother Jeremiah Gridley Esqr knows and observes the Principles of Masonry better than to take Offence where there is not the smallest Reason given for it. I do not doubt nor dispute his Authority as Grand Master of all the Lodges in North America who acknowledge the Authority, and hold of the Grand Lodge of England, as he certainly has a Warrant and Commission from the Grand Master of England to that Effect; The Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Scotland have also Granted Warrant and Commission to our Rt Worshipful Brother, Colle John Young Esqr Constituting and Appointing him Provincial Grand Master of all the Lodges in North America who acknowledge the Authority and hold of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; these Comissions when Rightly understood can never Clash or interfere with each other." "I must observe that you have made a Mistake in Your Address to the Lord Aberdour in giving him the Title of Grand Master of Great Britain; he granted your Charter as Grand Master of Scotland, he was afterwards Elected Grand Master of England, but never had any Right to the Title of Grand Master of Great Britain." "Your Mistake in this may (perhaps) have given Offence to my Rt Worshipful Brother Jeremiah Gridley Esqr and, if so, it is very proper you should acknowledge your being mistaken in this particular:"

JUNE 24th 5764.

Being the Feast of St John the Baptist.

The Right Worshipfull Jeremy Gridley Esq Grand Master summond the Brethren to Attend him at the Grey Hound Tavern in Roxbury where was Held a Grand Lodge and the Feast was Celebrated as usual.

Present.

The Right Worshipfull Bro John Rowe		D G: M.
Brother John Box	. .	S: G: W.
Bro Joseph Gardner	. .	J: G: W.
Bro Edm: Quincy	. .	G: S.

Bro Henry Price
Bro Arch[l] M[c]Neil
Bro Abraham Savage
Bro John Cutler
Bro Andrew Belcher
Bro John Joy
Bro Jos: Barnet
Bro William Tyng
Bro John Box J[r]
Bro Tho[s] Brown
Bro Tho[s] Fleet
Bro J[os] Wheelwright
Bro Job Wheelwright
Bro William Lee Perkins
Bro Clarke of Milton
Brother Richard Gridley
Bro Belshazar Bayard
Bro Henry Leddel
Bro Edmund Quincy Tert[s]
Bro Hugh Hunter
Bro Joseph Tyler
Bro Murtagh M[c]Carrel
Bro William Hickling
Bro Lewis Gray
Bro Christopher Clarke
Bro William Palfrey
Bro Leonard Jarvis Jun:
Bro Michael Trolett
Bro Phillip Dumaresq
Bro William Murray
Bro Andrew Cazneau.

To the Right Worshipful Colonel Jeremy Gridley, Provincial Grand Master of Masons, for North America, &c. &c. &c.

We the undermention'd the Master Wardens & Members of Lodge N° 7. from New York of Free and Accepted Mason's, held in his Majesty's 55th Regiment of Foot, Assembled in due Form, and having nothing more at heart, than the Advancement and well being of the Craft, do hereby recommend the following Brethren of the Provincial Troops now lying at Crown Point, as highly worthy of Authority from your Worship, for holding a Lodge at Crown Point, or in the Colony of Connecticutt, their Skill and knowledge in Masonry, We are fully Satisfied with, they having Ardently applied to us to be Tried and Recommended.

Lieu[t] Daniel Moulton: Lieu[t] Samuel Mott: Doc[r] Phillip Turner.
Master Masons of our Lodge.

Together with nine other Brethren belonging to said Troops.

Your Worships Compliance with this their Ardent desire, and their Prudent Management, We sincerly believe, will contribute to the Honour and Advancement of the Royal Craft.

James Willson Secret[y]
Alex[r] Duncan, master of N° 195 from Ireland, Roy[l] Artillery

James Thompson, Master.
Joseph Stalker } Wardens.
Patrick McMullin }

P. S. The inclosed Bill is left Blank on Purpose, that the Grand Secretary may insert the Charges, and Receive the Same from the Gentleman on whom it is drawn. The Warrant may be inclosed by way of a Packet, Seal'd and directed to Cap[t] John Nixon, Commanding the Massachusetts Troops at Crown Point.

Crown Point, 5th March 1762.

NB. It doth not appear that any Deputation was ever Granted in Consequence of the above Application, or any Money received by Virtue of the Bill above mentioned. But rather that a Deputa-

tion was Given to Col Joseph Ingersoll to hold a Lodge there, in lieu thereof.

FRIDAY October 26th 5764.

Being Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication Holden at Boston at the Brittish Coffee House

Present

Rt Worshipful Jeremy Gridley		G : M :
	Bro John Rowe	D : G : M
	Bro Rob Jenkins	S. G. W
	Bro John Box	J : G : W
	Bro Ja Forbes	G : T
	Bro E Quincy	G : S
	Bro Hy Price	

Expences & Charity

For the Masters Lodge

Bro Rd Gridley	M.	
Bro T Walley	S : W	
Bro Jos : Man	J : W	

For the first Lodge

Bro A Savage	M	
Bro Jno Joy	S : W	0 . 18 ,, —
Bro Job Wheelwright . . .	J : W	

For the Second Lodge

Bro John Cutler	M	
Bro Jos Russel	S : W	0 . 18 ,, —
Bro John Box Jr	J : W	
		1 ,, 16 ,, —

The Lodge being opened:

The following Lodges were Called to Attend

Surranam Lodge	Marblehead Lodge	No Persons appeard for these Lodges.
Maryland Lodge	Portsmouth do	
Elizabeth Town Lodge	Falmouth do	
New Haven do	Quebec do	
New London do	Halifax do	
Newport do	Louisburge do	
Providence do	Newfoundland do	

Voted that a Copy Book be provided by the Grand Treasurer in wch shall be recorded all Letters petitions & Constitutions to and from the Grand Master & this Grand Lodge.

DECEMBER 27th 5764.

Being the Feast of St John the Evangelist.

The Right Worshipfull Jeremy Gridley Esqr G : Master summond the Brethren to attend him at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern

in Boston where was Held a Grand Lodge and the Feast was Celebrated as usual.

Present

The Right Worshipfull Jeremy Gridley Esq		G : M.
	Bro' John Rowe	D. G. M.
	Bro' John Box	G : W.
	Bro' Rich[d] Gridley	G : W.
	Bro' Edm : Quincy	G : S.

Rob[t] Jenkins	John Amiel
H[y] Price	Mons[r] Pourie
Arch[l] M[c]Neil	Phillip Dumaresq
Abraham Savage	Edmund Quincy tert[s]
John Cutler	Lewis Gray
John Joy	Shubael Hewes
Joseph Man	James Jackson
Tho[s] Walley	William Jackson
Joseph Gardner	William Lee Perkins
William Tyng	Hugh M[c]Daniel
Andrew Johonnet	Thomas Dawes
Joseph Goldthwait	Seth Blodgett
William Charity	Elias Dupee
Andrew Cazneau	John Briant
Job Wheelwright	John Perkins
John Box Jun[r]	Gideon Gardner
Samuel Quincy	Andrew Lapear
Samuel Fitch	Christopher Clarke
	John Blake

Expence £19 . 3 . 0¾ Lawf[l] Money.

Jan[y] 25th 5765.

Being Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication Holden at Boston

Present.

The Right Worshipfull Jeremy Gridley Esq		G : M
	Bro John Rowe Esq[r] . . .	D G : M
	Bro John Box	S : G : W
	Bro Jos : Gardner	J : G : W
	Bro J[s] Forbes	G T :
	Bro Edm : Quincy	G S :

Bro Rob[t] Jenkins Bro Rich[d] Gridley & Henry Price.

		Charity	Expences
For the Masters Lodge			
Bro Arch[l] M[c]Neil	M		
Bro Jos : Man	S : W		0 ,, 18 ,, —
Bro John Joy	J : W		

For the first Lodge

Bro Ab: Savage M Bro An[d] Johonnot S W	£ 6 ,, 6 ,, —	0 ,, 18 ,, —

For the second Lodge

Bro John Cutler M Bro W[m] Tyng . . J W		0 ,, 18 ,, —

Bro Russel T: of 1st Lodge, Bro Tho[s] Walley, Bro Jn[o] Box Jr

Surranam Lodge	Maryland Lodge	No Officers appeard for these Lodges.
Elizabeth Town d[o]	Marblehead	
New London	Portsmouth	
Middle Town	Falmouth	
Newport	Halifax	
Providence	Quebec	

The Lodge was opend

Voted that the Grand Treasurer who may now or hereafter be Chosen into that office shall give his note of Hand to the Use of the Grand Lodge for the money deposited in his Hands to the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master & the Two Grand Wardens unless either of those officers for the Time being Shall be chosen Grand Treasurer in which Case it shall be given to the other officers above mentiond.

Voted That all Lodges hereafter be called agreeable to the Dates of their Constitution.

The Right Worshipfull Grand Master appointed the

R.W. Bro John Rowe his	D: G: Master
Bro Andrew Oliver	S: G: W.
Bro Joseph Gardner	J: G: W.
Bro James Forbes	G: T.
Bro Edm: Quincy	G: S.

Committee appointed to Examine the G: Treasurers acco[ts]

Bro John Rowe	Bro Rich[d] Gridley.
Bro Jos: Gardner	Bro Edm: Quincy.

Voted That 6£ be presented Bro E. Quincy for all his Past Services.

Voted That Bro[rs] Quincy, Savage & M[c]Neil be a Com[tee] to enquire into Bro Ingersols Dues to the Grand Lodge.

Voted That it be Considerd by the Brethren what Methods shall be taken to Raise the Grand Lodge Funds.

Voted that the Grand Lodge do pay Brother Blodgets Reckoning & that £3 ,, 16/ be paid as an Extra Expence by the Grand Lodge on the Last S[t] Johns Meeting.

Mem[o] On the 21st Inst: a Com[tee] of Charity met and no Person appeard for Charity.

Dr The Grand Lodge Accot Currt wth John Rowe		Cr
1765. To Cash paid Sundry Reckonings	£ 8 ,, 8 ,, 7	
Decr 10th To Ballance in my Hands	123 ,, 13 ,, 3	
1765		
Augt By Cash the Ballª from Bro: Jas Forbes		£ 119 ,, 17 ,, 10
Decr 10 By Charitys		9 ,, 8 ,, —
By the Constitution for Pitt County		2 ,, 16 ,, —
	£ 132 ,, 1 ,, 10	£ 132 ,, 1 ,, 10

Interest to be allowed by Bro John Rowe at 6 p Cent from the above Date.

Attest Edm Quincy G S: (Copy)
Abrm Savage
John Cutler

Boston Decr 10th 1765
Errors Excepted
John Rowe G: T:

April 26th 5765.

Being Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication Holden at Boston

Present.

The Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr G: Mr
Bro John Row . . . . . D G M
Bro Jno Box . . . . . S G W
Bro Jos: Gardner . . . J G W
Bro Rob Jenkins Bro Richard Gridley

		Expences	Charity
Masters Lodge			
Bro Archl McNeil	Mr	0 ,, 18 ,,	
Bro Jos: Man	S: W		
Bro Jno Joy	J: W		
1st Lodge			
Bro Abraham Savage . .	Mr	0 ,, 18	
Bro Job: Wheelwright . .	S: W.		
Bro Jos: Calender . . .	J: W.		
2d Lodge			
Bro John Cutler	M	0 ,, 18	0 ,, 6 ,,
Bro Saml Fitch	S: W		
Bro William Tyng . . .	J: W		
		2 ,, 14	
		,, 6	
			£ 3 ,, 0 ,, 0
	Reckg:		1 ,, 16 ,, 7
			£ 1 ,, 3 ,, 5

Surranam Lodge	Newport Lodge	No persons appeard for these Lodges
Maryland Lodge	Crownpoint Lodge	
Eliz[a] Town Lodge	Marblehead Lodge	
New Haven Lodge	Portsmouth Lodge	
Hartford Lodge	Falmouth Lodge	
Middletown Lodge	Halifax Lodge	
Providence Lodge	Louisburge Lodge	
Quebec Lodge		

The Lodge opend

Voted that the Several Masters & Wardens of the Lodges in Boston do meet & Consider what is necessary to be done for the Good of Masonry & to report to the Grand Lodge in July next.

The Grand Master appointed Bro John Joy John Box J[r] Thomas Walley and Joseph Russel Stewards for the Feast of S[t] John.

JUNE 24th 5765.

Being the Feast of S : John Baptist was Celebrated at the House of Bro Gardners at Roxbury by order of the Right Worshipful Bro Jeremy Gridley Esq[r] in the usual Manner.

FRYDAY July 26th 5765.

Being Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication Held at Boston at the Royal Exchange Tavern

Present

The Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esq[r]	G. M
Bro John Row	D G. M
Bro John Box	S G : W
Bro Joseph Gardner	J : G :W
Bro Edm : Quincy	G S[y]
Bro Rob[t] Jenkins	Bro Hen[y] Leddel

		Expences	Charity
Masters Lodge			
Bro Arch[l] McNeil	M	0 ,, 18 ,,	
Bro John Joy	S : W		
Bro Joseph Man	J W		
1st Lodge			
Bro Abraham Savage . .	M	0 ,, 18 ,,	
Bro Job : Wheelwright . .	S : W		
Bro Andrew Johonnot . .	J W.		

2d Lodge

Bro John Cutler	M	0 ,, 18 ,, —	,, 6 ,,
Bro Saml Fitch	S : W		
Bro Wm Tyng	J : W.		
		2 ,, 14 ,,	
		,, 6 ,,	
			£ 3 ,, 0
		Reckg	2 ,, 0
			£ 1 ,, —

The Lodge was opened

Surranam Lodge	Maryland Lodge	No persons appeard for these Lodges.
New Haven do	Marblehead do	
Middletown do	Portsmouth do	
Hartford do	Falmouth do	
Crownpoint do	Halifax do	
Newport do	Louisburge do	
Providence do	Waterbury do	

Fryday October 25th 5765.

Being Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication Held at the Royal Exchange Tavern Boston The Right Worshfl G M: & D: G: M being absent, The Right Worshipfl the Late D: G: Master assumed the chair being

Present

Bro Hugh McDaniel Bro. Jos: Gardner J: G: W:
Bro John Box S: G: W: Bro Edm: Quincy G: S:

		Expences	Charity
For the Masters Lodge			
Bro Archl McNeil	M	0 ,, 18	
Bro Jos: Man	S & J: W		
For the first Lodge			
Bro Ab: Savage.	M	0 ,, 18	
Bro Jo Wheelwright	S: W:		
Bro Jos: Calender	J: W:		
For the Second Lodge			
Bro John Cutler.	M		
Bro Rob: Jenkins			
Bro Hy Leddel			

The Lodge being Opend

Surranam Lodge	Newport Lodge
Maryland Lodge	Providence Lodge
Elizabeth Town ditto	Marblehead ditto

New Haven d° Falmouth ditto
Hartford d°
Middletown Lodge Bro Edm: Quincy appear'd and paid.
Waterbury Lodge Halifax Lodge
Louisburge Lodge Quebec ditto

Voted That the Letter from the Lodge at Middletown directed to the Grand Master and one other Letter to Bro: Quincy G: S: be recorded in the G: Lodge Books, deputg him to appear for their Lodge at all Communications.

Voted That Brors Savage Cutler McNeill Gardner & Bro Leddell be a Committee to inspect the Grand Treasurers Account for the year past.

Voted the Feast of St John the Evangelist be Celebrated on Dec 27th

Voted that the Commitees of the G: Lodge Masters Lodge first & second Lodges do meet together after the third Wednesday in November next to adjust their Accots where the Grand Master shall direct.

MIDDLETOWN Augt 21st 5765:

Right Worshipfull

We received Brother Quincys of the 22d July last by your Worships Order, desiring Our Attendance at the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication; at Boston the fourth Friday of October next, but the distance we are from you is so great as to render it prejudicial to Our Several Employs to attend at Quarterly Communications, have thought proper to appoint our Worthy Brother Edmund Quincy Junr to represent us at them which doubt not your Approbation of to whom We have Sent our Charity for the Relief of Poor Brethren by Brother Sage

We are Right Worshipful with the Greatest Esteem your Worships Most Obedient & most Huml Servts.

GEORGE PHILLIPS M:
COMFORT SAGE S: W:
RICHARD ALSOP J: W.

TIMOTHY HIERLITRY Secry

MIDDLETOWN, 21st Augt 5765.

Worthy Brother

We receivd yours of 22d July last with Orders from The Right Worshfl Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master of North America to Attend the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication at Boston on the 4th Fryday of October next, but the Distance we are from you is so great as to render it prejudicial to Our Several Employs to attend the Quarterly Communications and not doubting of your good Will to serve us, have taken the Freedom to chuse You to represent Our Lodge at said Meetings, and perswade Our Selves youl not Refuse Our Request; Please to deliver the Enclosd at

next Quarterly Communication togeather with Half a Guinea for our Charity by Brother Sage, and Assure your Self we shall always be Glad of Oportunitys to Convince you how much We are your Well Wishers Friends and Brothers —

George Phillips M:
Comfort Sage S. W:
Timothy Hierlitry, Sect'y Rich^D Alsop J: W:

To Bro. Edm. Quincy, Junr

Prince Town New Jersey Sepr 24th 1765.

Right Worshipfull.

Whereas we the Subscribers being desirous of being formed into a regular and lawful Lodge, do now make Application to you for a Warrant to Constitute the same, also to appoint the first Master which I nominate Richard Stockton of the said Place; Pray let it be sent by the bearer of this, safely enclosed, and the said bearer will Satisfy you for the same.

NB: let it be nominated St Johns. Pray Sir, (if you can conveniently), empower us to give Warrants for the Constituting of Lodges.

Richard Stockton
Oliver Elsworth
Sovereign Sybrandt
Solomon Kellogg
Augustus Diggens
Theodrick Romeyn
Benjamin Heins

To Jeremiah Gridley Esqr

A List of those Brethren who celebrated the Feast of St John the Evangelist at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, on Friday December 27. 5765.

R^t Wors^l Jeremy Gridley Esqr	G. M.
John Rowe Esqr	D. G. M.
John Box	S. G. W.
Joseph Gardner	J. G. W.
Hugh McDaniel.	
Richard Gridley.	
Abraham Savage	M. M. L.
John Joy, Job Wheelwright	W^s M. L.
Lewis Gray	W: 1st L.
John Cutler,	M. 2^d L.
Thomas Brown, John Box jun^r	W^s 2. L.

Archibald McNeill,
Thomas Walley,
James Otis Esqr
Joseph Russell.
Thomas Knight.
Francis Welch.
Benjamin Jackson.
Ezekiel Hersey,

Samuel Swift.	Benjamin Loring.
Samuel Barrett	John Briant
Mr Guthrie Purser of M of War	Benjamin Barnard.
Philip Dumaresq.	Seth Blodgett.
Christopher Clarke.	Samuel Blodgett.
Hugh Hunter.	John Piemont.
A French Gentleman	Samuel Bradley.
Another Ditto.	Shubael Hewes.
Capt Spear.	

FRYDAY January 24th 5766.

Being Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication Holden at Boston,

Present

Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr	G : M :
Bro John Rowe Esqr . . .	D : G : M :
Bro John Box	S : G : W :
Bro Jos : Gardner	J : G : W .
Bro Edm : Quincy	G : Sty
Bro Wm Jackson	Bro Henry Leddel
Bro John Box Jr	Bro Arch : McNeil
Bro Thos Walley	Bro Joseph Man
Bro Robt Jenkins	Bro Jos : Russel
Bro Richd Gridley	

	Expences	Charity
Masters Lodge		
Bro Abraham Savage M Bro Andrew Johonnot S : W Bro Job : Wheelwright J : W	0 ,, 18 ,,	
For the first Lodge		
Bro Ab : Savage . . . M Bro And : Johonnot . S : W Bro Lewis Gray . . . J : W	0 ,, 18 ,,	6/
For the Second Lodge		
Bro John Cutler . . . M. Bro James Jackson . S :W : Bro C : Clark . . . . J :W :	0 ,, 18 ,,	6/

The Lodge being opend

The Several Lodges was Called to Attend, but no Persons appeard to represent them except Bro Edm : Quincy for Middletown Lodge.

Voted that the Thanks of this Lodge be given to Our Worthy Brother John Rowe Esqr D : G : Mr for the Services, he has done this Lodge & to Masonry. The Grand Master appointed Bro Rowe his D : G : M : for the year ensuing.

Voted unanimously that John Rowe Esqr be treasurer of this Grand Lodge for the year ensuing.

The Grand Master appointed Bro Edmund Quincy G : S^{ty}

The Grand Master appointed Bro Joseph Gardner S : G : W : and Brother Archibald McNeil J : G : W :

Mess Samuel Barret Ezra Collings William Palfrey Saml Danforth Jr & Joseph Warren as a Comittee from St Andrews Lodge so call'd was Admitted into the Grand Lodge, and presented their Petition wch was read together with a Letter from the Grand Sec^{ty} of the Grand Lodge in Scotland to the S^{d} St Andrews Lodge which highly reflected on Right Worshipful Grand Master. Voted therefore that this Lodge do adjourn to Monday the 27th Instant to consider of those Matters.

At an adjournment of the Grand Lodge from Fryday Jany 24th to January 27th 5766.

Present

Right Worshipfull Jeremy Gridley Esqr G : M :
Bro Hugh McDaniel P : D : G : M :
Bro Robt Jenkins P : D : G : M :
Bro Joseph Gardner S : G : W :
Bro Arch^{l} McNeil J : G : W :
Bro Edm : Quincy G : S :
Bro Abram Savage M : of the Masters & 1st Lodge
Bro Jackson . . . M : of the 2^{d} Lodge

Bro Christ^{o} Clark
Bro Job : Wheelwright
Bro Richard Gridley
Bro Henry Leddel
Bro Thos Walley
Bro Lewis Gray
Bro John Joy
Bro William Jackson
Bro Thos Brown

The Lodge being Opend

Voted That Isaac Decoster, David Flagg, George Graham, George Lowditt, George Bray, George Hodge, Henry Ames, William Burbeck & James Tourner the persons named as Free & Accepted Masons in the Constitutions of a Lodge called St Andrews Lodge in Boston in New England by the Grand Master of Scotland were not at the Time of their Application for it, or at the Date of said Constitution free and Accepted Masons.

Voted That the aforesaid Application as free and Accepted Masons was an Imposition on the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Voted That the aforesaid Persons who petitiond for the said Constitutions and all persons who have since been added to them in their Fraternity are Irregular Masons.

Voted That it appears from the Records of this Grand Lodge that Several of the Members of the said irregular Lodge have at

different times apply'd to this Grand Lodge for Liberty to Visit the Lodges under our Jurisdiction and have for said Irregularity been refused this Liberty and further that all the Members of our Lodges have been prohibited by Vote of this Grand Lodge to Visit said Irregular Lodge.

Voted therefore that the Free and Accepted Masons under this Jurisdiction cannot Visit said Fraternity according to a Request of their Committee in Writing Dated the 24th January Instant.

Voted that the aforesaid Votes be recorded in the Grand Lodge Books and that a Copy of the Same be given to the Committee of the Fraternity above mentiond when demanded.

Voted that the Grand Master be desird by the first oportunity to transmit to the Grand Master of England a Copy of the above Votes.

Voted that the petition of St Andrews Lodge so called be recorded which is as follows,

Right Worshipfull Grand Master Right Worshipfl Deputy Grand Master & Wpfull Wardens & Other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of St Johns in Grand Lodge Assembled

As Harmony and Sincere Friendship are ornaments which add the Greatest Lustre to Masonry, the Lodge of St Andrew being assembled for the purposes of promoting Brotherly Love and Unity Have unanimously Voted that the Compliments of this Lodge should be presented to the Right Worshipfull Grand Master of North America, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Grand Wardens & all the Brethren holding under them desiring their Company at the Lodge of St Andrew whenever it may be agreable to them and that there may be a happy Coalition.

Boston Janr 24th 5766 } SAMUEL BARRET, EZRA COLLINS, WILLIAM PALFREY, SAML DANFORTH JR, JOSEPH WARREN } Comtee

FRYDAY April 25th 5766.

Being Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication Holden at the Royal Exchange Tavern Boston

Present.

Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley G : M :
Bro John Rowe Esqr D G : M :
Bro Joseph Gardner S : G : W :
Bro Archl McNeil . . J. G : W :

		Expences	Charity
For the Masters Lodge			
Bro Abram Savage . .	M.	0 ,, 18 ,,	
Bro John Joy	S W		
Bro Job: Wheelwright .	J W		
For the first Lodge			
Bro Thos Walley . . .	M:	0 ,, 18 ,,	6/
Bro John Box	S: W		
Bro Jos Russel	J: W		
For the second Lodge			
Bro John Cutler . . .	M:	0 ,, 18 ,,	6/
Bro Samt Fitch	S: W:		
Bro Wm Tyng	J: W:		
		2 ,, 14 ,,	,, 12 ,,

Bro Robert Jenkins
Bro Richard Gridley
Bro John Box
Bro Henry Leddel
Bro Hy Price
Bro James Jackson.

Surranam Lodge
Maryland
Elizabeth Town
Middletown do Bro E Quincy
New Haven
Hartford do
Waterbury do
Newport
Providence
Marblehead
Portsmouth
Falmouth
Halifax
Quebec

The Lodge being opend

Upon the petition of Bro John Vreden for Charity it was

Voted that the Grand Treasurer is hereby empowered to send said Bro Vreden 5£ L: My taking His Note of Hand for the Same payable to himself or Order

A motion was made by Bro Rowe D G: M: that a Comtee from St Andrews Lodge so called was waiting below to present some Votes from said Lodge which being read the Following Votes passd Vizt

Voted That this Lodge will Consider of their Votes.

On a Message from St Andrews Comtee to be heard on some especial matters,

Voted that Bro Richard Gridley Bro Joseph Gardner Bro Ab: Savage, Bro Edmund Quincy G S: Bro Thomas Walley Bro John Joy, Bro John Cutler be a Committee from this Lodge to meet said Comtee of Said St Andrews Lodge to hear what they have further to Offer on Monday next at this House at 6 oClock P· M:

Voted That this Grand Lodge do meet on their adjournment to Fryday Evening next at 6 oClock P: M: precisely.

Voted that the Feast of St John Baptist be Celebrated on 24th June.

The Grand Master appoints Bro Savage Bro Cutler Bro Russel & Bro Walley Stewards for Holding the Feast of St John Baptist and Such other Brethren as they think necessary to Assist them.

FRYDAY May 2^d 5766.

At an adjournment of the Grand Lodge from Fryday April 25th

Present.

The Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr G : M^r
Bro John Rowe Esqr D : G : M : & G : T :
Bro Edmund Quincy . . . . G : S :
Masters & Wardens of the Masters Lodge
Masters & Wardens of the first Lodge
Masters & Wardens of the Second Lodge & the following Brethren Viz^t Brother Robert Jenkins, Hugh McDaniel, John Box, Richard Gridley Henry Leddel Joseph Gardner & William Jackson.

The Lodge being Opend
The Votes of the Grand Lodge on January 24th & 27th & April 25th were Read by the G : Sec^ty & the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge on April 25th after Two several Meetings of said Com^tee made Report to the Grand Lodge by their Chairman whereupon the following Votes pass'd. [See p. 106.]

Voted that the Grand Lodge do return the Said Comittee their Thanks for their Care and Fidelity.

Voted that the Expences of said Comittee be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

Voted the Report of the Committee be Recommitted for some further additions against the Meeting of the Next Grand Lodge in Case the Whole of said Com^tee can attend it.

[Proceedings of St. Andrew's Lodge. See report of Grand Lodge committee, pp. 106 *et seq.*]

BOSTON February 13. 5766.

Being St Andrews Lodge Night, the Committee appointed by said Lodge, to present their Complimentary Address to the Grand Lodge in Boston, made Report of their Proceedings, and delivered into the hands of the Secretary a Copy of the Votes which the aforesaid Grand Lodge had passed on that Occasion, which Votes being Read in the Lodge, it was Voted, that the Consideration of said Votes should be deferr'd until some future Oppertunity.

BOSTON April 10, 5766.

Being St Andrews Lodge Night, the Votes of the Grand Lodge pass'd January 27th 5766 were Ordered to be again Read, which being done, the following Votes were unanimously pass'd by thirty-four Brethren then Present. Viz^t

1st Voted, that the first Vote of the Grand Lodge, which asserts that "Isaac Decoster, David Flagg, George Graham, George "Lowditt, George Bray, George Hodges, Henry Emmes, and "James Turner, the Persons named in the Constitution of a "Lodge, called St Andrews Lodge in Boston, were not at the "Time of their Application, or at the Date of said Constitution, "Free and Accepted Masons," Is Erroneous and Contains its own Refutation.

2d Voted, that, the second Vote of the said Grand Lodge which Asserts that the aforesaid Application was "an Imposition on the Grand Lodge of Scotland" is at least a Mistake; the Truth being as follows: Our Worshipful Brother James Logan, who had been Master of a Lodge in Scotland, and a Member of the Grand Lodge there, was, when in Boston, A L. 5754, perfectly informed of the Manner and Circumstances by which the Persons aforesaid became Acquainted with the Mysteries of Masonry, and was desired upon his return to Scotland, truly to Represent their Difficulties to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to endeavour to procure for them a Charter: The Grand Lodge of Scotland finding from the Relation given by our Brother Logan, that a Number of Persons in Boston intrusted with the Secrets of Masonry, were, notwithstanding their repeated Application refused Admittance into the Regular Lodges in said Boston; the said Grand Lodge in their great Wisdom, thought fit to Grant them a Charter of New Erection, with Ample Priveleges, thereby manifesting their Approbation of them, as Free and Accepted Masons.

3d Voted. that it appears from the fourth and fifth Votes of the Grand Lodge, that the Members of St Andrews Lodge, have acted consistant with their Character as Masons, in their Application to the Grand Lodge, for Liberty to Visit the Lodges under their Jurisdiction, and that the Conduct of said Grand Lodge in refusing them, and prohibiting their Members from Visiting the Lodge of St Andrew, was directly Subversive of the Principles of Masonry.

4th Voted, that the Lodge of St Andrew, have in Time past, shewn all due Respect and Regard to the Members of the Grand Lodge in Boston, and to the Brethren under their Jurisdiction, and that their future Behaviour shall ever demonstrate their Affection for them, and their determined Resolution to embrace every Method, consistant with the Good of Masonry and their own Honour, to promote a Social Intercourse with Persons whom they so highly Esteem as Brethren and Friends.

5th Voted, that the aforesaid Votes of the Grand Lodge, and the above Votes of this Lodge, be Recorded in the Books of this Lodge.

6th Voted, that a Copy of the Complimentary Address, from this Lodge to the Grand Lodge in Boston togather with the Votes of said Grand Lodge in consequence of said Address, and the above Votes, be Transmitted to the Grand Lodge in Scotland, by the first Oppertunity.

7th Voted, that Brothers, William Burbeck, Samuel Barrett, Moses Deshon, Ezra Collins, William Palfrey, Samuel Danforth junr and Joseph Warren, be a Committee to Present the aforesaid Votes to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge in their next Meeting.

A true Copy from the Original

ABRm SAVAGE, Gr Secy

MOSES DESHON
WILLIAM BURBECK
SAMUEL BARRETT
EZRA COLLINS
WILLIAM PALFREY
SAMUEL DANFORTH JUNR
JOSEPH WARREN
} Committee.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held at Boston for all North America, where no other Grand Master is appointed.

Whereas on Friday the 25th of April 5766 (being Grand Lodge Night) a Committee from the Lodge (commonly called St Andrews Lodge,) Sent up to said Grand Lodge, a Number of Votes, passed in their said Lodge, the 10th of April last, and at the same Time requested to be admitted, to communicate something further VIVA VOCE, to the said Grand Lodge. Whereupon the said Votes were Read and were found to be Couched in very disrespectfull Terms, in several Parts of them to a Grand Lodge, and some of their Assertions, wholly Ambiguous: It was then Moved, whether the said Committee should be admitted into the Grand Lodge, to explain those doubtful Parts of their Votes, and to deliver what they had further to Offer to the Grand Lodge: Upon the Question being put, it pass'd in the Negative, as being inconsistant with the Votes of the Grand Lodge of January 27th last passed.

A Motion was then made, that a Committee be appointed, out of the Members of the Grand Lodge, to Confer with said Committee, relating to the Premisses, and to enquire into the State of the differences subsisting between the said Grand Lodge, the Lodges Subordinate to it, and the said St Andrew's Lodge; which Motion being seconded, the Grand Lodge were pleased to make choice of us the Subscribers to be their Committee for the Purposes aforesaid, who agreed to meet the other Committee at the Royal Exchange Tavern on Monday the 28th of April last, and the Grand Lodge adjourned to Friday the 2d of May instant, to receive their Report.

The two Committees having met accordingly, the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee having opened the Business for which they had met, the first Question was, what the St Andrews Lodge Committee had to communicate to the Grand Lodge, that they desired admittance, as before mentioned? To which one of them replied that, they as a Committee, thought that there were some Expressions in the Votes of St Andrews Lodge, which they

thought too harsh, and that they were willing, Viva voce, to soften those Terms, to shew they did not fail in the Respect that was due to the Grand Lodge; Then, they reitérated their fromer Address to the Grand Lodge of January 24th last, which brought on a long Argument, wherein all the Grand Lodge's Objections to them for the irregularity of their Beginning and subsequent Proceedings were fully Urged, and their Vindication of themselves was as strongly Opposed to those Objections: — At last this Question was put to them, what they had to Propose to the Grand Lodge, to bring about the Accommodation they so much desired? for the Language of the Constitutions for irregularities, was SUBMISSION! To which they replied, as follows, and desired to be Minuted. Viz.

1st The Committee from St Andrews Lodge moving to be admitted into the Grand Lodge, held last Friday Night, was to explain and soften the Terms of their Votes of April 10th 5766.

2d They also acknowledge in behalf of said Lodge, that all the Proceedings of those Persons before their application for a Constitution from the Grand Master of Scotland were irregular and wrong; but are fully of Opinion, that the Proceedings of said St Andrews Lodge after their Constitution, has been Regular and Just; And that although they before their Constitution were irreglar, yet the Grand Master of Scotland has a Power of Dispensation, and can make irregular Masons, Regular. Therefore they think themselves Regular.

3d They also propose and desire to be admitted to Visit our Lodges, and that our Lodges Visit them, and that there may be a Union of Love and Friendship between the several Lodges.

Upon which your Committee after mature Deliberation, of their Votes presented last Grand Lodge Night, and the Minutes which they desired us to make of their Concessions &c. at their Meeting with us; and after largely discoursing upon the Affair with said Committee, came to the following Determination.

1st That their explanation of the first Vote of the Grand Lodge, Viz. "that it is erroneous and contains its own refutation" is not Satisfactory to us, although they think the day their Constitution bore date, their Power commenced: Our opinion is their Power could not Commence before the Receipt and Possession of said Constitution.

2d Their Answer to our second Vote, wherein they say, "it is at least a Mistake," we would observe, they produce no Copy of any Application, but declare the Grand Master of Scotland was duly informed of their being irregular Masons, and that Decoster had applied to us for admittance into the Lodge, but was refused, only by two Votes, upon which the rest dispair'd of gaining Admittance among us; Therefore, it appears to us not improbable, but the Grand Master of Scotland might know their Circumstances.

3d Their third Vote which says "that it appears from the fourth "and fifth Votes of the Grand Lodge, that the Members of St "Andrews Lodge, have Acted Consistant with their Character as

"Masons, in their Application to the Grand Lodge, for Liberty to "Visit the Lodges under this Jurisdiction. — "and that the Con- "duct of said Grand Lodge in refusing them, and prohibiting "their Members from Visiting the Lodge of St Andrews was directly "Subversive of the Principles of Masonry."— It is our Opinion the first part of the above Vote is Premature, they not considering the Laws of Masons require irregular Masons to make a proper Submission, before they can be received. —The last part is disrespectful and Injurious to this Grand Lodge, and discovers they were unacquainted with the Laws and Principles of Masonry. —

4th We are glad to find by their fourth Vote that "it is their "determined Resolution to embrace every Method, consistant with "the good of Masonry and their own Honour to promote a Social "intercourse with Persons who they so highly Esteem as Brethren "and Friends." And we doubt not the Lodges under this Jurisdiction will ever Shew as great a Zeal to promote Love and Friendship, and the Principles of Masonry, as any Lodge Whatever.

All which is Offered to this Grand Lodge for their Consideration.

BOSTON May 2d 1766.

RICHARD GRIDLEY
EDMUND QUINCY JUNR
JOHN CUTLER
JOSEPH GARDNER
THOMAS WALLEY
JOHN JOY.

NB. Brot Abraham Savage was Absent at giving in the above report, he being another of the Committee.

FRIDAY July 25, 5766.

Being Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication, in Course It was thought Expedient by the Grand Master & Grand Officers, not to summon the Members to Attend, as no Special Business was before them, and the heat of the Weather would make their Meeting very inconvenient and uncomfortable.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Royal Exchange Tavern in Boston, on Friday 24th of October 5766.

Present.

Rt Worshipfl Jeremy Gridley Esqr	Grand Master
Henry Price Esqr	Past Gr. Master
John Box }	Senr Gr. Warden pro —
Archibald McNeill }	Junr Gr. Warden
James Jackson	Gr Secry pro-temp
Richard Gridley Esqr	past Gr Warden

For the Master's Lodge

Abraham Savage	Master	brot Expences	£ 0 ,, 18 ,, —
John Joy	Wardens		
Job Wheelwright			

For the first Lodge

James Jackson Master pro-tempo brot Expences — ,, 18 ,, —

For the Second Lodge

John Cutler	Master	brot Expences	— ,, 18 ,, —
Samuel Fitch	Wardens		
William Tyng			

	£ 2 ,, 14 ,, —
Reckoning	1 ,, 13 ,, 7¼
Paid the Treasurer	£ 1 ,, 0 ,, 5¾

Portsmouth Lodge	Halifax Lodge
Charlestown So Carolina Lodge	Marblehead Lodge
Antigua Lodge	Norwich Lodge
Annapolis Royal, Lodge	Salem Lodge
Newfoundland Lodge,	Virginia Lodge
Newport R. Island Lodge,	Surrinam Lodge
Annapolis in Maryland Lodge	St Christophers Lodge
Newhaven Lodge	Barbadoes Lodge
New London Lodge,	Elizabeth Town Lodge
Middletown Lodge,	Hartford Lodge
Crown Point Lodge	Waterbury Lodge
Providence. R Island Lodge	Falmouth Lodge
Louisburgh	Pitt County N. Carolina Lodge
Masters Lodge at Newport	Newbury Lodge
Quebeck Lodge,	St John's Newfoundland Lodge.

No Persons appeard for those Lodges

Voted, That upon the Settlement of the Grand Treasurer's Acct^s that he be desired to give his Note of hand for the Ballance, to the Grand Master and Grand Wardens for the Time being.

Voted, that there be a Committee to Settle with the Grand Treas^r the Lodges Acc^ts and that Bro^rs Richard Gridley, John Box & Abr^m Savage be the Committee.

Voted that the Feast of St John the Evangelist be celebrated on Tuesday the 30th of December next,

Voted that Bro^rs Abr^m Savage, John Cutler, Joseph Gardner, Archibald McNeill, & Thomas Walley be a Committee to agree for and Regulate the same.

TUESDAY December 30th 5766.

Being the day kept for the Celebration of the Festival of St John the Evangelist, the same was duly observed at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Kings Street Boston by the following Brethren.

[Names Omitted.]

Expence at £3 ,, 12 ,, O Tr each amounted to £128 ,, 9 ,, 6.

FRIDAY January 23d 5767.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Royal Exchange Tavern in Boston.

Present,

Rt Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr	Grand Master
Richard Gridley Esqr John Box	past Gr Officers
Joseph Gardner Archibald McNeill	Gr Wardens.

			Exp
For the Masters Lodge			
John Cutler	Master	p'd	£0 : 18 —
John Box Junr William Tyng	Wardens pro-temp		
For the first Lodge			
Abraham Savage Master, & Gr Secretary Benjamin Loring, Warden			0 : 18 —
For the second Lodge			
Samuel Fitch	Master		0 : 18 —
William Jackson	Warden pro-temp		
			£2 : 14 —
	Reckoning		1 : 15 : 8½
	Paid the Gr Treasr		£0 : 18 3½

Portsmouth, N. Hampshire Lodge.
Charlestown, So. Carolina Lodge.
Antigua Lodge.
Annapolis Royal Lodge.
Newfoundland Lodge.
Newport R. Island Lodge.
Halifax Lodge.
Annapolis in Maryland Lodge.
Quebeck Lodge.
Newbury Lodge.
St John's N. foundland Lodge.
Marblehead Lodge.
Norwich Lodge.
Salem Lodge.
Virginia Lodge.
Surrinam Lodge.

Newhaven Lodge.
New London Lodge.
Middletown Lodge.
Crown Point Lodge.
Providence Lodge.
Louisburgh Lodge.
Masters Lodge at Newport.
St Christophers Lodge.
Barbadoes Lodge.
Elizabeth Town Lodge.
Hartford Lodge.
Waterbury Lodge.
Falmouth Lodge.
Pitt County N. Carolina Lodge.

Rt Worshipful Bror John Rowe, Dep Gr. Master, appeared in the beginning of the Evening, and Opened the Lodge, in the Absence of the Gr Master, who afterwards came, and presided the remainder of the Evening.

The Gr Master Nominated and appointed the Rt Worshl John Rowe Esqr to be Deputy Grand Master of N. America, for the Year ensuing.

Also Nominated the aforesaid Bror Rowe, to be Grand Treasurer for the Year ensuing, who was Balloted for in the usual manner and unanimously Chosen.

Also appointed the Rt Worshipfl Abraham Savage Master of the first Lodge, to be Grand Secretary for the Year ensuing.

Also appointed the Rt Worshipfl Archibald McNeill, Junior Grand Warden the Year past, to be Senior Grand Warden for the Year ensuing.

Also appointed the Rt Worshipfl John Cutler, Master of the Masters Lodge, to be Junior Grand Warden for the Year ensuing.

Also appointed Bror Bartholemew Green to be Tyler to this Grand Lodge for the Year ensuing.

Voted, that the officers of the several Lodges, within this Jurisdiction, be desired whenever they come to Town to wait on the Gr Secretary for his directions in the business of Masonry, and that the Secretary Signify to them this Resolution of the Gr. Lodge, and remind them of the Charity they should contribute to the Genl Fund.

Ordered that the Grand Treasurer pay to Bror Seth Blodget the Sum of One Pound, three shillings & two pence one farthing Lawful Money, for Sundry Expences at his House, of a Committee of a Grand Lodge, who had several Conferences with a Committee of St Andrews Lodge. Being the proportion the Grand Lodge should pay. (Viz. one third of the whole) the first and second Lodges each to pay the like Sum.

Friday, April 24 5767.

At a Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Royal Exchange Tavern in Boston.

Present

Rt Worshipful Bror John Rowe Esqr Dep Gr Master & Gr Treasr
Bror Archibald McNeill Sen Gr Warden

Bro^r John Cutler, Junr Gr Warden & Mas of Mast^r Lodge.
Bro^r Robert Jenkins past Dep Gr Mas^r
Bro^r John Box past Gr Warden.
Bro^r Richard Gridley Ditto.
Bro^r Abraham Savage, Gr. Sec^ry

			p^d Expence
For the Masters Lodge			
Bro^r Joseph Russell, Master pro : temp	Wardens		£0 ,, 18 ,, —
Bro^r Job Wheelwright			
Bro^r John Box, Junr pro-			
For the first Lodge			
Bro^r Thomas Walley, Mas^r pro-	Wardens	Exp^c	0 ,, 18 ,, —
Bro^r Benjamin Loring			
Bro^r John Joy			
For the second Lodge			
Bro^r Samuel Fitch	Master	Exp^c	0 ,, 18 ,, —
Bro^r Thomas Brown	Wardens		
Bro^r John Bradford			
			£2 ,, 14 ,, —
	Reckoning		1 ,, 17 ,, 9½
	Paid the Treas^r		£0 ,, 16 ,, 2½

Portsmouth, N. Hampshire Lodge.
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Surrinam Lodge.
St Christophers Lodge.
Barbadoes Lodge.
Elizabeth Town Lodge.
Hartford Lodge.
Waterbury Lodge.
Falmouth Lodge.
Pitt County N. Carolina Lodge.

Bro^r Walley made a Motion that this Grand Lodge meet at Bro Ingersolls the next Grand Lodge Night, in which he was Seconded, and being put to Vote, it pass'd unanimously, with this Proviso that the Gr Master approve of the Same.

It was Motioned that we celebrate the Feast of St John the Baptist, next 24th of June, which being put to Vote, it was unanimously

agreed to, and a Committee appointed to Agree for a Feast & to Regulate the same, where-upon the following Brethren were appointed, Viz Bro^rs A. McNeill, T. Walley, J. Cutler, A. Savage and J. Box Junr.

Wednesday, June 24th 5767.

Being the Festival of St John the Baptist. the same was Celebrated at the Grey-hound Tavern in Roxbury, when & where the following Brethren met, Viz.—

R^t Worsh^l John Rowe Esqr	D. G. M.
Henry Price Esqr	P. G. M.
Arch^ld McNeill,	S. G. W.
John Cutler,	J. G. W.
Abrah^m Savage,	G. Sec^r
Hugh McDaniel, / John Box,	P. G. O
Andrew Johonnett,	S.W.M.L.
Benj^a Loring / William Hickling	W^s 1st L.
Thomas Brown,	W. 2^d L.

Joseph Ingersoll.	John Munro.
Joseph Russell.	Thomas Fleet.
William Jackson.	Thomas Knight.
James Jackson.	Francis Welch.
Caleb Blanchard.	Joshua Gardner.
Edward Blanchard.	Richard Salter.
Howard Jacobson.	William Hoskins.
Thomas Walley.	Edward Church.
John Box jun^r	Samuel Perkins.
Jonathan Amory.	Joseph Webb.
John Wharton.	J Clarke of Milton.
John Marston.	John Piemont.
Lewis Gray.	John Briant.
Edward Carnes.	Lemuel Cox.
Daniel Jones.	William Fitch,
Nathaniel Hurd.	Flagg.

Expence of the Feast £28 : 12 : 8.

Friday July 24, 5767.

Being Grand Lodge Night in Course, The R^t Worshipful Grand Master being Indisposed, the Weather extremely Warm, and no Special Business requiring a Meeting, He thought it expedient for the aforesaid Reasons to pass by this Quarterly Meeting, to the next Quarterly Communication on the fourth Fryday in October next, Except some Special business should intervene to occasion the Calling a Special Grand Lodge.

BOSTON, August 18th 5767.

Mr Gilbert Deblois sent the following Letter to the Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master, Viz.

Sir

Since I had the pleasure of waiting on you & Mr Rowe respecting the Sale of Concert Hall, the House is Entirely Cleared and is now kept Lock'd up to wait for the Consideration and Determination of the Society of Free Masons, of which you are the Head: Therefore I now take the Liberty to give You the Lowest Terms that said Building can be Sold on, which You'l find on Foot hereof: The greatest improvement is made from September to June, and I would only Mention that some Persons stand ready to hire the Hall to the Amount of £40. Sterling. and another wants the Small Tenement which would let at £5. more, therefore You'l be kind enough to cause this Affair to be determined as soon as possible, which will much oblige them, and Sir,

Your most humble Servant
GILBERT DEBLOIS.

Terms of Sale of Concert Hall — Vizt —

There shall be a good Deed of Sale given for the House to the Satisfaction of your Society, otherwise its no Sale.

The lowest Price is One Thousand Pounds Sterling, to be paid as shall be most agreeable to the Society, either in three, four or Five years, with lawful Interest paid Annually thereon (for my fathers Support) and good Security to be given for the Purchace in such way and manner as may best suit the Society. —

GILBERT DEBLOIS.

P.S. If it should not be agreeable to the Society to purchase this Building, I take this Oppertunity to ask the favour that they would improve it in future, and everything shall be done to make it give full Satisfaction, and in this Case I should be glad they would Recommend some proper Person to keep said House, that would be likely to give General Satisfaction —

Boston August 18th 1767.
To JERE GRIDLEY Esqr

Whereupon the Rt Worshipful Grand Master put the above Letter into the Hands of the Grand Secretary (Bror Savage) and desired him to Convene the Grand Officers and Masters of Lodges at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston in Order to Advise what was best to be done in the Premises.

Tuesday Septr 1, 5767.

The following R^{t} Worshipful Brethren accordingly Met at the Place aforesaid, Viz. —

R^{t} Worshipf^{l} John Rowe Esqr Dep Gr Mas^{r} & Gr. Treasurer.
Archibald McNeill, Senr Gr. Warden.
John Cutler Junr Gr Warden & Mas. of the Masters Lodge.
Abraham Savage, Gr Sec^{ry} & Mas. of the first Lodge.
Samuel Fitch, Master of the second Lodge.

After reading the above Letter and duly deliberating thereon, it was agreed to be most advisable that a Grand Lodge should be forthwith call'd, in order to lay the Affair before them, and to Act what further should be thought necessary, and to Report this Resolution to the Grand Master.

The Grand Master approving the Steps that had been taken, Ordered, a Grand Lodge to be summoned to meet at the Place aforesaid, on Friday Evening following, who being duly Warned, Met at the Time and Place, and Proceeded as follows. —

At a Special Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, met at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, on Friday September 4th 5767. —

Present.

R^{t} Worshipf^{l} Bro^{r} John Rowe Esqr D. G. M. and Gr Treas^{r}
Bro^{r} Archibald McNeill, Sen. G. W
Bro^{r} John Cutler Jun. G. W. & M. of the Mas Lodge.
Bro^{r} Abraham Savage Gr Sec^{ry} & M. of the 1st Lodge.
Bro^{r} Samuel Fitch M. of the 2^{d} Lodge.
Bro^{r} Job Wheelwright, S : W } of the M. Lodge.
Bro^{r} Andrew Johonnet J W }
Bro^{r} Benjamin Loring, S. W } of the first Lodge.
Bro^{r} William Hickling, J. W }
Bro^{r} John Box, past Gr. officer Bro^{r} Nathaniel Hurd
Bro^{r} Thomas Walley, Bro^{r} Joseph Russell
Bro^{r} Thomas Fleet, Bro^{r} John Joy.

A Letter from Mr Gilbert Deblois to the R^{t} Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master (Wherein he Offers to the Fraternity, to Sell them Concert Hall, for their Accomodation,) was laid before the Gr Lodge.

It was recommended and approved by this Grand Lodge, that the Proposal be referr'd to each of the Lodges seperately, and if they incline to purchase, to call a general Lodge of all the Masons, in Order to begin a Subscription. —

It was proposed, that if the several Lodges would give in their respectives Stocks of Cash, and the Fraternity would by Subscription make up the sum of Six hundred Pounds Sterling, including

the aforesaid Stocks; and the present Proprietor of Concert Hall, will take a Mortgage on said House for his Security for the Remainder, without any other; that the Masons would Treat with him upon the Purchace of it.

Which proposals being put to Vote, was agreed to unanimously.

Reckoning £1 : 8 : 6½ paid by the Treasurers of the first and second Lodges, 14/3¼ each Lodge.

At the first Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons held at the Royal Exchange Tavern in Boston on the second Wednesday of September, being the 9th day 5767.—

The Question was put, whether this Lodge think it best to purchace Concert Hall, Provided, the sum of £600. Sterling can be raised? — Pass'd in the Affirmative —

Question. Whether this Lodge would include their Stock in the above sum of £600 Sterg for said Purchase? — Pass'd in the Negative. —

Voted. That it is Expedient to call a General Lodge, in Order to see what Subscriptions can be Obtain'd for the Purchase of said Hall. —

At the second Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held at the British Coffee House in Boston on Wednesday the 16th day of September, 5767.

A Letter from Mr Gilbert Deblois to the late Right Worshipfull Grand Master, respecting the Sale of Concert Hall, being Read; It was unanimously determined to proceed upon the Subject Matter of said Letter. —

The Question being put, Whether it be the Mind of this Lodge to Purchase Concert Hall, provided Six hundred Pounds Sterling can be Raised? — It pass'd in the Affirmative.

The next Question put, was, Whether this Lodge would give their Stock towards the above Purchase? — It pass'd in the Negative.

The last Question put, was, Whether it be recommended to the Grand Lodge, to call a General Lodge of Masons, to see what Subscriptions can be obtain'd towards the Purchase of Concert Hall? — It pass'd in the Affirmative.

To Mr Abraham Savage Grand Secretary of all the Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in North America, and of the Grand Lodge in Boston. —

We the Brethren of the First Lodge in Pitt County North Carolina, send the following List of Officers Elected at the Annual Feast of St John's, from the Time of our first Meeting, to June 24th 1767. and of Members who sign'd the Bye Laws, under the Sanc-

tion of a Warrant Granted by the Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master of North America. — Viz^t

Mr Thomas Cooper,	Master &c.
Peter Blinn Col. John Simpson	Esq^rs Wardens.
Capt Richard Evans, Esqr	Treas^r
James Hall, Esqr	Sec^y
Mr Thomas Hardy Mr James Hill	Stewards pro-temp.
Mr Richard Richardson,	Tyler.

Members.

Doc^r William Pratt,	Mr George Miller
Mr John Lesslie	Capt Nathaniel Blinn
Mr Peter Richardson.	Mr James Glasgow.
Mr Robert Newell.	Mr Peter Johnson.
Mr William Brown.	Mr Bolen Hall.
Mr John Barber.	Mr William Kelley
Mr Robert Bignell	Mr George Evans.
Mr Lenington Lockhart	Mr William McClellen

Col Thomas Hall.

For any further Particulars, we shall refer you to the Worshipful Mr Thom^s Cooper, Master, who will Personally deliver this, and Hope he will give such Satisfaction, as shall be required: Resting assured of the above, We remain

Brethren,

Your most Sincere and Affectionate Brothers.

James Hall, Secret^y { The first Lodge, in Pitt County North Carolina.

To Mr Abraham Savage, Grand Secretary, Boston.

Boston, September 14th 1767.

On Thursday Evening last at 11 o'Clock, departed this Life. the Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master of Masons, over all North America, Attorney General for the Province of Massachusetts Bay, A Member of the Great and General Court of said Province, and a Justice throughout the Same, Colonel of the first Regiment of Militia, and President of the Marine Society, &c.

His Funeral was Attended on Saturday last, with the Respect due to his Memory, by the Members of his Majesty's Council, and the Judges of the Superiour Court in Town, the Gentlemen of the Bar, the Brethren of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, the Officers of his Regiment, the Members of the Marine Society and a great Number of the Gentlemen of the Town.

Strength of Understanding, Clearness of Apprehension, and Solidity of Judgment, were cultivated in him by a liberal Education, and close thinking: His extensive Acquaintance with Classical and almost every other part of Literature, gave him the first Rank among Men of Learning: His thorough Knowledge of the Civil and Common Law, which he had studied as a Science, founded in the Principles of Government, and the Nature of Man, justly placed him at the Head of his Profession: His tender Feelings relative to his natural & civil Ties: his exquisite Sensibility, and generous Effusion of Soul for his Friend, were Proofs that his Heart was as good as his Head was sound; and well qualified him to preside over that antient Society whose Benevolent Constitutions do Honor to Mankind. He sustained the painful Attacks of Death with a Philosophical Calmness and Fortitude, that resulted from the steady Principles of his Religion. He Died in the 62d Year of his Age.

Written Extempore, on the Death of the late JEREMY GRIDLEY, Esqr Barrister at Law.

Of Parts and Learning, Wit and Worth possess'd,
GRIDLEY shone forth conspicuous o'er the rest:
In native Pow'rs robust, and smit with Fame,
The Genius brighten'd, and the Spark took Flame;
Nature and Science wove the laurel Crown,
Ambitious each, alike confer'd Renown.

High in the Dignity and Strength of Thought,
The Maze of Knowledge sedulous he sought,
With Mind superiour studied and retain'd,
And LIFE and PROPERTY by Law sustain'd.

Generous and free, his lib'ral Hand he spread,
Th' Oppres'd reliev'd, and for the Needy plead;
Awake to Friendship, with the Ties of Blood,
His Heart expanded, and his Soul o'erflow'd.

Social in Converse, in the Senate brave,
Gay e'en with Dignity, with Wisdom grave;
Long to his Country and to Courts endear'd,
The JUDGES honor'd and the BAR rever'd.

Rest, peaceful Shade! innoxious as thy Walk,
May Slander babble, and may Censure talk,
Ne'er on thy Mem'ry ENVY cast a Blot,
But human Frailties in thy Worth forgot.

BOSTON, September 11th 5767.

At a Special Grand and General Lodge, assembled at the British Coffee house in Boston, on Account of the Death of the Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master of Masons in North America. —

Present.

The Right Worshipful John Rowe Esqr Dep^y Grand Master & Gr Treas^r —
Bro^r Hugh McDaniel past D. G. M.
Bro^r Robert Jenkins past D. G. M.
Bro^r John Box — Senr Grand Warden pro-temp^r:
Bro^r John Cutler — Junr Grand Warden & Mas^r of Mas^rs Lodge.
Bro^r Abraham Savage, Gr Sec^ry & Mas^r of the first Lodge.
Bro^r Job Wheelwright, Senr } Warden of Mas^rs Lodge.
Bro^r Andrew Johonnett, Junr }
Bro^r Benjamin Loring, Senr } Warden of the 1st Lodge.
Bro^r William Hickling, Junr }
Bro^r Samuel Fitch, Esqr Master
Bro^r William Tyng, Senr pro } Warden } of the 2^d Lodge.
Bro^r John Bradford, Junr }

Nathaniel Abraham.	James Selkrig.
John Amiel.	William Stevenson.
Robert Apthorp.	William Taylor.
John Box Junr	Robert Williams.
Seth Blodgett.	Christopher Clarke.
Samuel Blodgett.	William Coffin, Junr
John Briant.	Andrew Cazneau.
Richard Billings Junr.	Joseph Callender.
Edward Carnes.	William Charity.
Phillip Dumaresq.	Nathaniel Coffin.
John Dupee.	Lemuel Cox.
Lewis Gray.	Elias Dupee.
Bartholemew Green.	James Jackson.
John Hickling*	Levi Jennings.
Nathaniel Hurd.	John Joy.
Daniel Henchman.	Benjamin Munro.
Joseph Henderson.	Jacob McDaniel.
Shubael Hewes.	James Otis Junr Esqr.
Job Prince.	Andrew Phillips.
Christopher Prince.	John Piemont.
Joseph Russell.	Thomas Walley.
William Sheppard.	Francis Welch.
James Sheppard.	Joseph Wheelwright.

The aforesaid Brethren being met at the place aforesaid, and the Lodge being opened in Ample Form, They were acquainted from the Chair of the Death of the Grand Master, and that the occasion of this Special Call of the Brotherhood, was to concert proper Measures for the Honorable Interrment of him.

Wherefore the Lodge came to the following Resolutions, which were Voted unanimously. Viz. —

1st That a Committee be raised to Wait on Mrs Dudley, eldest

Daughter of the late Grand Master, and Mr Ezekiel Lewis his Brother in Law, who have the direction of his Funeral, to desire them that the Funeral be from the Court House.

2d That said Committee consist of three.

3d That James Otis Esqr Samuel Fitch Esqr and Mr Robert Jenkins be the said Committee.

Accordingly said Committee withdrew from the Lodge and waited on them, and inform'd them of the Lodges desire as aforementioned. Who returned immediately and acquainted the Lodge that they consented to have the Funeral from the Court House.

Mr Joseph Webb, Mr Samuel Barrett & Doctor Joseph Warren a Committee from St Andrew's Lodge, waiting below, Sent up Word that they desired to be Admitted into the Lodge, to present a Message from said St Andrews Lodge. Which request being put to Vote, it pass'd unanimously, that they should be Admitted in. When they came up, they inform'd the Deputy Grand Master that it was their Lodge's desire that they may attend the Grand Master's Funeral in due form, as Masons: Which being put to Vote is pass'd, that they be permitted to March in the Procession, in such manner and Form as this Lodge shall Direct. —

Here follows the Order of Procession as directed by this Grand Lodge to be Observed at the Funeral of the late Grand Master Gridley.

After the Officers of the Grand Masters Regiment who march two and two, and the Members of the Marine Society who follow them in the same manner:

Then — 1st The Tyler of St Andrews Lodge with the Sword.

2. The two Stewards of said Lodge, with their Wands.

3. The Members of Said Lodge, two and two, all properly Cloathed.

4. The three Grand Stewards, with their Jewels and Wands.

5. The Members of the Second, First, & Masters Lodges, two and two.

6. The Master Wardens, and other Officers of St Andrews Lodge, two & two.

7. The Treasurers of the First and Second Lodges, with their proper Badges.

8. The Wardens of the Second Lodge.

9. The Wardens of the First Lodge.

10. The Wardens of the Master's Lodge.

11. The Master of the Master's Lodge, with the Master of the first Lodge, on his Right hand, and the Master of the second Lodge on his Left.

12. The Past Grand Officers two and two.

13. The Deputy Grand Master, with the Senior Grand Warden on his Right hand, and the Junior Grand Warden on his Left.

14. The Grand Tyler, carrying the black Velvet Cushion whereon was laid the Late Grand Master's jewel.

15. The Body of the late Grand Master, which closes the Procession so far as relates to the Free Masons. —

Boston, September 12th 5767. In the above manner the Fraternity Walked before the Corps, The Pall was Supported by his Honour Thomas Hutchinson Esqr Lieut Governour and Chief Justice of the Province, The Honorable Edmund Trowbridge Esqr late Attorney Genl and now one of the Judges of the Superior Court, The Honourable John Erving Esqr and the Honorable Thomas Hubbard Esqr both Members of his Majesty's Council, James Otis Esqr & Samuel Fitch Esqr both Barristers at Law, and both of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons.

After the Corps followed the Relations of the Deceased, the Gentlemen of the Law in their Robes, many of them of the Fraternity, and Numbers of Gentlemen &c. of the Town, their Coaches &c, which closed the whole Procession. When the Military Officers arrived at the Gate of the Burying Ground they Halted, as did the Free Masons, and then opened to the Right and Left, forming a Lane for the Corps and those that followed to Pass through.

When the Interrment was over, those next the Gate pass'd down through the Lane till the whole Body had by that means turned about, and so march'd back before the Pall Supporters and the relations, in the same Manner as they Proceeded at First.

At the Court House they Halted again and made a Lane as before, for the Bearers, Relations &c to pass through, which when they had done, the whole body of Free Masons, March'd up into the Representative's Chamber, (where the Corps had lain and where they first Assembled,) and there uncloathed, and were dismissed.

NB. The Grand Officers followed the Relations, (this last Time) through the Lane, So as to go up Stairs first, Where by those Next the Door went up last.

The Rt Worshipful Depy Grand Master required of the Master of St Andrews Lodge a List of their Members & others who join'd with them, that Attended the Funeral, and Ordered the said List (when Received) to be entered in the Grand Lodge Book. —

Here follows a List of those Brethren who walked in the Procession before the Corps, as also of some that followed in the Character of Barristers, each distinguished by what is wrote after their Names. The whole in Alphabetical Order. Viz.

Jonathan Amory . . . .
Nathaniel Abraham . . .
John Amiel . . . . . .
John Box. Senr Gr Warden pro. ,, ...
John Box. Junr Master 2d Lodge. ,, ...
John Bradford, Junr Wardn Ditto. ,, ...
Seth Blodgett . . . . .
Samuel Blodgett . . . .
John Briant . . . . . .
Benjamin Barnard . . . .
Peter Boyer . . . . . .
Richard Billings Junr . . .
Richard Billings tertS . . .
Samuel Ballard . . . . .
John Cutler Junr Gr Warden
Edward Carnes . . . . .
Edward Church . . . . .
Christopher Clarke, a Steward
William Coffin, Gr Treasurer

William Coffin Junr . . .
Andrew Cazneau Barrister ,,
Joseph Callender . . . .
Samuel Calef . . . . .
William Charity . . . .
Nathaniel Coffin . . . .
Lemuel Cox . . . . . .
Elias Cutting . . . . .
Collins . . . . .
Elias Dupee . . . . . .
Phillip Dumaresq . . . .
Lewis Deblois . . . . .
John Dupee . . . . . .
Ambrose Downs . . . .
Stephen Deblois . . . .
Samuel Fitch . . Bearer ,,
Lewis Gray . Grand Steward
Joshua Gardner . . . .
Bartholemew Green, Grand Tyler . . . . . .
William Hickling, Junr Ward^{n} 1st Lodge . . . . . .
John Hickling . . . . .
Nathaniel Hurd . . . . .
Daniel Henchman . . . .
Benjamin Hallowell Esqr past D. G. M. . . . . .
Joseph Henderson
Shuball Hewes
Andrew Johonnett, Junr Ward Mr Lodge
Joseph Ingersoll, Mas^{r} of 1st Lodge
James Jackson
Daniel Jones
Levi Jennings
John Joy . . . . . .
Robert Jenkins, past D. G. M
Joseph Jackson . . . . .
William Jepson . . . . .
Benjamin Loring, Senr Ward. 1st Lodge . . . . . .
Andrew Lapear . . . . .
Hugh McDaniel, past D. G. M.
Benjamin Munro . . . .
Joseph Mann . . . . .
Daniel McCarthy . . . .
Jacob McDaniel . . . . .
McDowell . . . .

James Otis Esqr . . Bearer
Andrew Phillips . . . .
Samuel Perkins . . . . .
John Piemont . . . . .
Ezekiel Price . . . . .
Adino Paddock . . . . .
Fitch Pool . . . . . .
Job Prince . . . . . .
Christopher Prince . . . .
John Perkins . . . . .
Samuel Quincy . . Barrister
John Rowe Esqr Dep^{y} Gr Master. . . . . .
Joseph Russell, Treas^{r} of 1st Lodge . . . . . .
John Rice . . . . . .
Abraham Savage, Mas^{r} of ye Mas^{rs} Lodge . . . . .
Samuel Swift . . Barrister
William Sheppard . . . .
James Sheppard . . . .
James Selkrig . . . . .
William Stevenson . . . .
Alexander Smith . . . .
Robert Stone . . . . .
Lewis Turner . . . . .
William Tyng Senr Ward^{n} 2^{d} Lodge . . . . . .
William Taylor . . . . .
Fortescue Vernon . . . .
William Vernon . . . .
Robert Williams past Gr Warden . . . . . .
Robert Williams Junr . . .
Job Wheelwright, Senr Ward^{n} Mas^{rs} Lodge . . . . .
Thomas Walley Treas^{r} 2^{d} Lodge . . . . . .
John Wharton . . . . .
Francis Welsh . a Steward
Joseph Wheelwright . . .
John Hunt Wendell . . .

Walked before the Corps 92
Pall Supporters 2
Followed as Barristers . . 3

Total 97

A List of those belonging to St Andrew's Lodge who Attended the Funeral of the Rt Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr late Grand Master of North America. Said List being required of them and Ordered to be Entered in the Grand Lodge Book by the Rt Worshipful John Rowe Esqr Deputy Grand Master. Vizt —

William Burbeck	Master
Joseph Webb	past Master
Joseph Warren	Senr Warden
William Palfrey	Junr Warden
Samuel Barrett	Treasr
Jeremiah Webb	Secrery
Edward Burbeck, John Symmes	Deacons
James Dickey, Samuel Webb	Stewards

Moses Deshon	Thomas Knox
Ezra Collins	James Seward
Paul Revere	Samuel Harris
William Wingfield	John Merritt
Thomas Urann	Andrew Gilaspey
John Whitten	Nehemiah Skillings
Samuel Danforth	Capt McEwen
John Jeffries	Capt DeSilver
John Hoffains	William Hoskins
George Jefferds	Edward Potter
John Lowell	John Ball
William Hill	Peter Bourn
James Graham	Stephen Bruce
Capt Moon	Joseph Breck
Peter Doyle	John Tyler
Joseph Cordis	Capt Sheppard
Nathaniel Hitchburn	William McAlpine
Nehemiah Webb	Edward Proctor
Thomas Chace	Thomas Cordis
John Gore Junr	Asa Stoddard
Robert Hitchborn	Joseph Tyler
Nathaniel Cudworth	Gibbins Bouve
Josiah Gaines	William Darracutt
Nathaniel Greenwood	Nathaniel Balch
John Pulling	Abraham Tuckerman
John Colman	Capt Coppinger
Robert Whatley	Samuel Sumner, Tyler 64

NB. the three last before the Tyler was not in their List, tho' they walk'd with them, in the Procession.

The following Expences were incurr'd by the Several Lodges in Boston on Acc[t] of the Funeral of the late Grand Master Gridley. Viz.

The Grand Lodge.	For 8 doz[n] Gloves @ 24/£9	: 12 ,, –	
	For ¾ y[d] Taffety for Apron	,, 8 ,, –	
	For Sewing Silk & blue Ribbon	,, 1 ,, 4	
	For 10 y[ds] black Ribbon,	,, 6 ,, 8	
	For 9 Aprons for Grand Officers	,, 13 ,, 6	
	For 2½ y[ds] Blue Paduasoy for Collers	1 : 6 : 8	
	For Expences at the Coffee House	3 ,, 14 ,, 8	
			£16 ,, 2 ,, 10
The Masters Lodge.	For Gold Lace		,, 16 ,, —
The First Lodge.	For Aprons &c.		3 ,, 12 ,, —
The Second Lodge.	For Aprons		3 ,, 6 ,, —
			£23 ,, 16 ,, 10

At a Special Grand Lodge, held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, on Friday October 2[d] 5767.

Present.

The R[t] Worshipful, John Rowe, Esq[r] D. G. M. & G. T.
Archibald M[c]Neill, S. G. W.—
John Cutler J. G. W. & M of M. L.
Abraham Savage G. S. & M. of 1st L.
Samuel Fitch Esq[r] M. 2[d] L.

For the Masters Lodge
Joseph Russel, M. M. L. pro-temp
John Joy, . . S. W. . . pro-temp.
William Jackson . . J. W. . . pro-temp.

For the First Lodge
Benjamin Loring, . S. W.
William Hickling, . J. W.

For the Second Lodge
Thomas Walley, . . S. W. pro-temp.
Richard Salter, . . J. W. pro-temp.

The Affair of Concert Hall being Resumed, after a Debate thereon, it was Moved and Seconded. That a Committee be raised, to wait on M[r] Gilbert Deblois, to inform him (from this Grand Lodge) that the Circumstances of Masonry at Present, will not Admit of their Purchasing said Hall. —

Which Motion being put to Vote, it pass'd in the Affirmative.

Voted that said Committee consist of Three, who being severally Nominated, the following Brethren were unanimously Chosen, Viz. Bro^r Archibald McNeill S. G. W. Bro^r John Cutler J. G. W. and Bro^r John Joy. —

Voted unanimously. That the Grand Secretary, be directed to Write to the R^t Worshipful Henry Price Esqr past Gr Master of Masons, Requesting him (from this Grand Lodge) to Resume the Chair as Grand Master, in the Room of the late Grand Master, Jeremy Gridley Esqr deceased: Until another Grand Master be Elected, and Constituted to preside over Masonry in Future.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Lodge an Account of Expences incurr'd on Account of the Funeral of the late Grand Master, Amounting to Sixteen Pounds, two shillings and ten Pence Lawful Money (which see Page 124) Said Acc^t being Examined and Pass'd. It was Ordered to be paid accordingly. —

Ordered that the Expence of this Meeting of the Grand Lodge, Amounting to One Pound five Shillings Lawful Money be defrey'd equally by the First & Second Lodges. —

Boston October 2^d 5767.

Right Worshipful Brother:

It having pleased Almighty God, to take from this Transitory Life, to a better, that great Ornament of Learning, of the Law and of Masonry, our Right Worshipful Brother Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master of Masons in North America, to the great Loss of this Country in General, and of Masonry in Particular: And as Masonry from its first establishment in America, has always been under the Government of a Grand Master and Grand Lodge, duly Constituted by the Grand Master of England; the said Grand Lodge, on Account of the above Bereavement came to a Resolution last Evening to Elect a new Grand Master in the room of the former, at some convenient Time hence: In the mean Time the Constitutions point out to us, that the Vacancy be filled by the past Grand Master, to Govern Masonry till a new One is Elected here, and Constituted from England:

Therefore, the Lodge ordered me to Write to You in their Name, (on whom the Office Constitutionally reverts:) that You would be pleased to attend at the next Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication, to be held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, on the fourth Friday in October, Instant, in Order for Your Resuming said Office, as the Practice in the like Cases has hitherto been.

I am
Right Worshipful Brother
Your Affectionate Brother
And, very humble Servant
Abr^m Savage Gr Secre^ry—

To the R^t Worshipful Henry Price Esqr
Past Grand Master of Masons in North America

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication, held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday October 23d 5767.

Present.

Rt Worshipful Hugh McDaniel,	Past D. G. M.	as D. G. M.
John Box	P. G W	as S. G. W.
John Cutler		J. G. W.
Abraham Savage		G. S.

Master's Lodge

John Joy	as M. M. L.
William Jackson	as S. W.

1st Lodge

Benjamin Loring	S. W	as M.
Joseph Russell	T.	as S. W.

2d Lodge

John Box Junr	as M.
Thomas Brown	S. W.
Robert Jenkins	Past D. G. M.

The Grand Secretary having read the Votes of the last Grand Lodge of Octor 2d concerning the Vacancy in the Grand Master's Chair, and the Lodge's Resolution to invite the Rt Worshipful Henry Price Esqr to Re-assume the Office of Grand Master as he had done heretofore on the like Occasions: As also the Copy of the Letter wrote to him by the Grand Secretary. Whereupon the Dept Gr. Master (as above) Ordered the Grand Wardens to wait upon Brother Price and desire his Attendance in the Lodge: When he came in, he was placed on the Right hand of the Grand Master's Chair, where he was invested with the Ensigns of Grand Master, by the Deputy Grand Master, who introduced him into Solomon's Chair with the following Speech.

Rt Worshipful Brother PRICE.

You, (to the Satisfaction of all the Lodges) have had the Honour of first introducing Masonry into these Parts of the World, and intentionally for the good of Masonry have resign'd the Chair of Grand Master to three Successors, whom Providence has deprived us off; particularly, of our late worthy Grand Master, Jeremy Gridley Esqr. And as you have supplied the Vacancy's of all three, according to our Constitutions, I now invest you again with the Jewel of Grand Master, and give you Possession of Solomon's Chair, until the Vacancy is otherwise Supplied, and hope it will be to Your Satisfaction, and to the Lodges here, and all other Lodges under this Jurisdiction. and now I Congratulate You with all our Brethren, on Your Resumption of this high Dignity.

The Grand Master confirm'd all the Grand Officers (for the

remainder of the Year) now in Place in their several Stations. Also directed that a Deputation for Mr Thomas Cooper Master of Pitt County Lodge in North Carolina be made out for him, as Deputy Grand Master of North Carolina.

It was Motion'd and seconded, that the Feast of St John the Evangelist be Celebrated which being put to Vote, was agreed to unanimously, and the Gr. Master appointed the Grand Secretary (Savage) to be first Grand Steward, Brother McDaniel nominated Bror Joseph Russell, and Brother Joy nominated Brother Thomas Walley, to be Assistant Stewards, who were unanimously Voted in, and the Grand Wardens were directed to join them in the Affair.

It was Motion'd, seconded, Voted and Ordered, that this Grand Lodge meet again on the first Friday in December next, in Order to come to the Choice of a New Grand Master, and that the Expences be paid Equally by all those who shall attend at said Meeting, and that the Grand Secretary Notify all the Members of this Grand Lodge who have a Right to Vote, by a Summons to each Member, such as the Grand Officers at present in Place: the past Grand Officers, Masters and Wardens of Lodges and all who usually Attend the Grand Lodge.*

Master's Lodge brought Expences . .		£0 ,, 18 ,, 0
First Lodge . Do		,, 18 ,, —
Second Lodge . Do		,, 18 ,, —
		£2 ,, 14 ,, —
NB. The several Lodges within this Jurisdiction were called over (see a List Page 112) when no Person appeared for any of them.	Reckoning	1 ,, 5 ,, 0¾
		£1 ,, 8 ,, 11¼

Boston October 26th 1767.

The following Notification was Published in all the Public News Papers in this Town.

The Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication of Free and Accepted Masons, assembled at Boston on Friday the 23d Instt. having taken into consideration their Loss in the Death of the late Jeremy Gridley, Esqr the last Grand Master; Resolved to invite the Right Worshipful Henry Price, Esqr past Grand Master of that Ancient and honorable Society, to Re-assume the Office again, as it Constitutionally reverted to him: He having consented thereto, was with the usual Ceremonies invested, and placed at the Head of Masonry, till another Grand Master is Elected here, and Constituted by the Grand Master of England. Whereof all the Fraternity in North America and the West Indies, under this Jurisdiction are to take due Notice.

By Order of the Grand Lodge

A. Savage Gr. Secry—

BOSTON November 13th : 1767.

Brother SAVAGE

As the Grand Lodge stands adjourned to the first Friday in December next, I now further adjourn the said Lodge to the fourth Friday in January next. You will take care to Notify the Members of that Lodge accordingly.

Your Affectionate Brother &c

To ABRM SAVAGE Gr. Secry HENRY PRICE G. M.

WEDNESDAY December 30th 5767.

Being the Day kept for the Celebration of the Festival of St John the Evangelist, the same was duly Observed at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in King Street Boston by the following Brethren. Vizt:

Henry Price Esqr	G. M
John Rowe Esqr	D. G. M.
Archd McNeill . . .	S. G. W.
John Cutler	J. G. W.
Abrm Savage	G. S.
John Box	
Richard Gridley . .	P. G. O.
Henry Liddall . .	P. G. O.
Joseph Gardner . .	P. G. O.
Samuel Fitch	M. 2d L.
Nathan Whiting	M. N. haven L.

Thomas Brown	Job Prince
Lewis Gray	John Blake
John Box Junr	William Palfrey
Thomas Walley	Francis Welch
Joseph Russell	Paschal Nelson Smith
John Joy	John Munro
Benjamin Loring	Elkanah Jones
Nathl Hurd	Benja Torrey
Richard Salter	Willm Jones
Chisr Clarke	John Foster Williams
Phillip Dumaresq	John Piemont
Joseph Henderson	Shubael Hewes
Daniel Jones	John Briant
Joshua Gardner	Benja Homans
Edward Carnes.	John Moore
Andrew Cazneau.	John Johnson
Thomas Knight	John Stevenson
Winslow Taylor	

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Expence @ 9/ each is . . £19 : 14 : 5¼
besides an after Reckoning.

[Seal] *Henry Price G: M.*

To all and every our Right Worshipful and Loving Brethren, (Free and Accepted Masons) now residing or that may hereafter Reside in the Province of North Carolina. We, Henry Price Esqr Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, of all such Places in North America, where no other Grand Master is appointed.

Send Greeting, —

Whereas our R^t Worshipful and Loving Brother, Mr Thomas Cooper of Pitt County in the Province aforesaid Merchant; obtained of the late Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master of Masons in North America, our most Worthy Predecessor, a Deputation to be Master of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Pitt County aforesaid, and Whereas our said Brother Cooper, did, (since he obtained the said Deputation) represent to our said Predecessor, that by reason of the great Distance of some of the Brethren's abode, from the Place of their usual Assembling in Pitt County aforesaid, their Attendance on Lodges was very inconvenient and troublesome to those Members, and the business of Masonry could not be carried on with that Regularity and Certainty that it otherwise would.

For the remedy of those inconveniences, Now therefore Know Ye, That by Virtue of the Power and Authority committed to us, by the Right Honorable and Right Worshipful Anthony, Lord Viscount Montague, Grand Master of Masons, Do hereby Nominate, Appoint, and Authorise, our said Right Worshipful Brother Thomas Cooper to be our Deputy Grand Master within the Province of North Carolina aforesaid, and do Impower him to Congregate all the Brethren, that at present reside (or may hereafter Reside) in said Province, into one or more Lodges as he may think fit, and in such Place or Places within the same, as shall most redound to the general benefit of Masonry: He taking special Care that Masters Wardens and all other proper Officers to a Lodge appertaining be duly chosen, at their next Meeting preceding the Feasts of St John the Baptist, or St John the Evangelist, or both as shall be most convenient, and so on Annually. Also that no Person be admitted into any Lodge within this Deputation at any Time, but regular made Masons: And that all, and every the Regulations contain'd in the Printed Book of Constitutions, (except so far as they have been altered by the Grand Lodge in London) be kept and observed; with such other Instructions as may be transmitted by us or our Successors. That an Account in Writing be Annually sent to Us, our Successors or our Deputy's, of the Names of the Members of the Lodge or Lodges, and their place of abode, with the Days and Places of their Meeting, with any other Things that may be for the benefit of Masonry in those

Parts; and that the Feasts of St John the Baptist, or St John the Evangelist, be kept Yearly, and Dine together on those Days, or as near them as may be. That for each Lodge Constituted by him, he is to Remit to the Grand Secretary in this Place, three Guineas and one half, two of which is for Registering them in London, and the rest for the general Fund of Charity, and Registering them here. Lastly, a charitable Fund must be established, for the Relief of Poor distress'd Brothers in those Parts, in such manner as is practiced elsewhere by Regular Lodges.

Given under Our HAND and the SEAL of MASONRY at BOSTON in NEW ENGLAND the thirtieth Day of December, Anno Domini, One Thousand, Seven hundred and Sixty Seven, and of Masonry, Five Thousand, Seven hundred and Sixty Seven. WITNESS the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, whose Names are hereunto Subscribed.

By the Grand Master's Command — JOHN ROWE, D. G. M.
ARCHIBALD MCNEILL S. G. W.
JOHN CUTLER, J. G. W.

ABRM SAVAGE G. Secry

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 22d day of January, 5768.

Present.

The Right Worshipful	Henry Price Esqr	G. M.
	John Rowe Esqr	D. G. M. & G. T.
	Archibald McNeill,	S. G. W.
	John Cutler	J. G. W. & M. of Masrs Lodge.
	Abraham Savage	G. S. & M. 1st Lodge.
	Hugh McDaniel Robert Jenkins	past D. G. Masters.
	John Box Richard Gridley Joseph Gardner	past G. Wardens.

For the Master's Lodge

John Joy,	Masr pro-tempr
Andrew Johonnett	J. W. as S. W.
John Box junr	J. W. pro-tempr

For the 1st Lodge

Joseph Russell	Treas. as M. pro-tempr
Benjamin Loring	S. W.
William Hickling	J. W.

For the 2d Lodge

William Jackson	M. pro-tempr
Thomas Brown	S. W.
James Jackson	J. W. pro-tempr

It was Motion'd and Seconded, That when this Lodge Recommands a Person (to the Grand Master of England) to be appointed Grand Master of North America, that they shall desire that his Deputation shall be for three Years only.† The Question being put upon the above Motion it passed in the Affirmative unanimously.

The Election of a Grand Master being Assign'd to this Time, The Right Worshipful Brother Price the present Grand Master, Nominated the R^t Worshipful John Rowe Esqr the Present Deputy Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, to be Grand Master of Masons for North America. After Balloting in the usual manner by Sixteen Voters, there were twelve in favour of the Nomination and four against it, whereupon our said R^t Worshipful Brother Rowe was declared duly and Constitutionally Elected to the said high Office, and was accordingly Saluted as Grand Master Elect.‡

Brother Archibald McNeill was continued Senr Grand Warden and Brother John Cutler Junr Grand Warden for the Year ensueing. The R^t Worshipful Grand Master appointed the R^t Worshipful Richard Gridley Esqr past Grand Warden, to be Deputy Grand Master of North America for the Year ensuing.

And directed (with the Sanction of this Grand Lodge) that the R^t Worshipful John Rowe Esqr Grand Master Elect, should continue Grand Treasurer till his Instalment as Grand Master and no longer.

He also appointed ye R^t Worshipful Abraham Savage Master of the First Lodge in Boston, to be Grand Secretary for the Current Year.

And Brother Bartholemew Green to be Tyler to this Grand Lodge for the Current Year.

It was moved and Seconded, that an Allowance be made to the R^t Worshipf^l Abraham Savage for his Services to this Grand Lodge, in his Office of Grand Secretary the Year past, Whereupon it was Voted unanimously, that the Sum of Six Pounds Lawful Money, be paid him by the Grand Treasurer out of the Grand Lodges Stock, as a Reward for his past Services.

Upon a Motion made and Seconded, it was unanimously Voted, that a Committee be chosen to Write to the R^t Worshipful Grand Master of England, in behalf of this Grand Lodge, to Request of him a Deputation for the R^t Worshipfull John Rowe Esqr now Grand Master Elect, which Deputation to be for only three Years, agreeable to a Preceding Vote in this Grand Lodge. Voted also, that said Committee consist of Nine. ×

Whereupon the following R^t Worshipful Brethren were chosen, Viz^t —

Hugh McDaniel, past D. G. M.
Richard Gridley Esqr present D. G. M.
Joseph Gardner past S. G. W.
John Cutler present J. G. W.
Robert Jenkins past D. G. M.
John Box past S. G. W.
Archibald McNeill present S. G. W.
Samuel Fitch Esqr M. of 2^d Lodge,
and William Jackson a past Warden of the 2^d Lodge.

Voted, that this Committee be empowered to draw on the Grand Treasurer for what Money they may think Necessary (not exceeding the Sum of Seven Pounds Lawful Money) to transmit to London to procure the Deputation.

Also Voted that said Committee in their Letter to the Grand Master of England conform to the Votes of this Lodge as near as may be, with such additions as they shall think Expedient, not contradictory thereto. +

It was Motion'd and Seconded, Voted and Ordered, That Brother Bartho^w Green, the Tyler of this Grand Lodge, be paid Six Dollars by the Grand Treasurer in full for his Attendance on said Lodge since he has been Tyler of the same.

NB. The Masters Lodge sent for Expences .	£0 ,, 18 ,, —
The first Lodge sent for Ditto . . .	,, 18 ,, —
they sent for Charity . . .	,, 6 ,, —
The second Lodge sent for Expences . .	,, 18 ,, —
	£3 ,, 0 ,, —
Reckoning came to	2 ,, 2 ,, 1¾
Ball^e p^d the Grand Treas^r	£0 ,, 17 ,, 10¼

The several Lodges within this Jurisdiction were called Over in the usual Manner, (a List of whom See at Page 112) when no one appeared for any of them, but the Lodges in Boston.

The aforementioned Grand Committee having met at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern on Monday January 25th 5768, they drew up the following Petition to the Grand Master of England for the Purposes therein Mentioned. Viz^t

TO THE MOST NOBLE AND R^T WORSHIPFUL HENRY, DUKE OF BEAUFORT, GRAND MASTER of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England &c: &c: &c: —

The Petition of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge in Boston, New England, whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, in behalf of said Grand Lodge,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That last September it pleased Almighty God to Vacate Solomon's Chair by the Death of our late Right Worshipful Grand Master Jeremy Gridley Esqr upon which our R^t Worshipful Brother Henry Price Esqr formerly Grand Master, Reassumed the Chair, Pro-tempore; And at the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston — January 22^d 5768, it was Voted, that a Petition should be drawn up and Presented to your Grace, Praying, that all future Grand Masters should be deputed for three Years only, with this Reservation, that notwithstanding if the Lodge should see cause to continue the same

Grand Master longer in the Chair, the said Deputation should continue and remain in full Force the said continued Term, and that he should remain Grand Master from the expiration of the Time of his first appointment or Continuance to the Installment of another.

We therefore humbly Sollicit your Grace's Concurrence with the said Vote, and Request your Deputation in favour of Our Right Worshipful Brother John Rowe Esqr past Deputy Grand Master, and now Grand Master, Elect.

And, Whereas Masonry in America, originated in this Place, Anno 5733, and in the Year following our then Grand Master Price, received Orders from Grand Master Crauford to establish Masonry in all North America, in Pursuance of which the several Lodges hereafter mentioned have received Constitutions from us; We therefore crave due Precedency, and that in Order thereunto, Our Grand Master Elect may in his Deputation be stiled Grand Master of all North America, and Your Grace's Petitioners as in Duty bound. Shall ever Pray.

	Hugh McDaniel	past D. G. M.
	Robert Jenkins	past D. G. M.
2^d Lodge or N° 2 in Boston, Constituted Feb^ry 15, 1749. meets the 3^d Wednesday in every Month at the British Coffee house in King street.	Richard Gridley	present D. G. M.
	John Box	past S. G. W.
	Joseph Gardner	past S. G. W.
	Archibald McNeill	present S. G. W.
	John Cutler	present J. G. W.
	Samuel Fitch	M. 2^d L.
New Haven Lodge in Connecticut, Constituted in November 1750, kept at the Golden Lion in that Town.	William Jackson	past W. 2^d L.
Providence Lodge in Rhode Island Government, Constituted Jan^ry 18, 1757, Meets the first & third Wednesdays of every Month.		
Marblehead Lodge in this Government, Constituted March 25th 1760.		

The following Letter from the R^t Worshipful Brother Henry Price Accompanied the foregoing Petition.

Boston, New England, January 27th 1768.

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Brethren, in Grand Lodge Assembled. —

The Money now sent to you is for the Constitution of four

Lodges in America, which I pray may be Registered in the Grand Lodge Books; the Money would have been paid long before, but some unforseen Accidents prevented, therefore, I hope the said Lodges will not be denied their Rank among the Lodges, according to the Time of their Constitution, notwithstanding the above Omission. For the particulars concerning them, I must refer you to the Letter from the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge here, which goes by the same hand that presents this to You: Several other Lodges have been Constituted by the Grand Lodge here, in different parts of America, who have not yet Transmitted to us the Stated Fees for their Constitution, but as soon as it comes to hand, it shall be remitted to You, hopeing at the same Time that they will likewise be Registered among other Regular Constituted Lodges.

R^t Worshipful Brothers. I had the Honour to be appointed Provincial Grand Master of New England, by the R^t Honble and R^t Worshipful Lord, Anthony Brown, Viscount Montacute, in the Year 1733, and in the Year 1735 said Commission to me was extended over all North America, by the R^t Honble and R^t Worshipful John Lindsay Earl of Crauford, then Grand Master of Masons; but upon enquiry, I find that said Deputations were never Registered, though I my self paid three Guineas therefor, to Thomas Batson Esqr then Deputy Grand Master, who with the Grand Wardens then in being, signed my said Deputation.

This Deputation was the first that the Grand Lodge ever issued to any Part of America, and stands so now in all Lodges on the Continent. Other Deputations have since been given to different Provinces, but they cannot according to Rule take Rank of mine. So, would submitt it to your Wisdom and Justice, whether said Deputations should not be Registered in their proper Place, without any further Consideration therefor, and the Grand Lodge here have Rank according to Date, as it has (by Virtue of said Deputations) been the foundation of Masonry in America, and, I the Founder. Wherefore R^t Worshipful Brethren, I beg that enquiry may be made into the Premises, and that Things may be set right, is the earnest Request of your much honoured, and

Affectionate Brother
and very humble Servant
HENRY PRICE.

P: S: R^t Worshipful. I herewith send you an Attested Copy of my said Deputation, as Registered in the Grand Lodge Book of this Place, under the Hand of our Grand Secretary, whose signature you may depend upon as Genuine. H. P.

The foregoing Petition and Letter being Committed to the Care of Brother William Jackson one of the Grand Committee, who was then bound to England, it was thought expedient (upon his Request) to give him the following Letter of Recommendation.

Right Honourable, R^t Worshipful and beloved Brethren.

We esteem this oppertunity (by our beloved Brother Mr William Jackson, who has served to Acceptance in the Offices of junior and Senior Warden in the Lodges of this Place,) to proffer our most sincere Respects and hearty good Wishes to our Mother Lodge, which we now do with true Affection to you and all our R^t Worshipful Brethren in England, in humble Hopes of your Acceptance; And refer you to this our Worthy Brother for a particular Account of the Propagation of Masonry in America, who by his hearty Regard for the Royal Art has Merited and Inherited the Offices aforementioned, and our hearty Recommendation to You, as a worthy Brother, and hope and desire You'll Testify your Love for us, in conferring all the favours upon him that he may stand in need of, which we are ready to acknowledge as an Obligation on us, and shall only wait an Oppertunity of returning your Goodness to him, who we trust will Convince You by his Masonal Abilities, that we have a due Esteem for the Honourable Craft, and are, Dear Brethren

Your Affectionate Brothers
and Most humble Servants.

From the Grand Lodge in Boston held January 22^d 5768.

	Henry Price	G. M.
	Richard Gridley	D. G. M.
	Archibald McNeill	S. G. W.
Abr^m Savage Gr Sec^ry	John Cutler	J. G. W.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 22^d day of April 5768.

Present.

The R^t Worshipful	Richard Gridley Esqr	D. G. M. as G. M.
	Robert Jenkins	past D. G. M. as D. G. M.
	John Box . . .	a past G. Officer.
	Archibald McNeill . . .	S. G. W.
	John Cutler . . .	J. G. W.
	Abraham Savage . . .	G. S.

For the Master's Lodge	. . .	M.
	. . .	S. W.
	James Jackson	J. W. pro, temp^r

For the First Lodge	Joseph Gardner .	M. pro temp^r
	Benjamin Loring .	S. W.
	. . . .	J. W.

For the Second Lodge	Samuel Fitch Esqr:	M.
	John Bradford .	S. W. pro-temp^r
	. . .	J. W.

NB — The several Lodges within this Jurisdiction were call'd over in the usual Manner, when no one appeared to Represent any of them, but those in Boston as above: A List of the several Lodges see at Page 112.

A Letter was read, from Brother John Munro to the Grand Master in Grand Lodge, containing two Questions, requesting the Opinion of this Grand Lodge on said Questions.

[LETTER]

Right Worshipful Grand Master

The following Questions, Answered by the Grand Lodge will sufficiently determine a dispute betwixt Two Brothers, and perhaps Regulate the Conduct of a Number of the Fraternity.

1st If it is not the duty of a Mason, to acquaint his Brother with any Thing, which threatens his Person, Fame or Fortune, and more especially when a declared Enemy is not a Mason?

And, whether any Obligation (except the only Solemn) can bind the threaten'd Brother, from seeking Legal Redress, even upon the Evidence of the informer; should he chuse to reveal it?

I am Sir,

Your dutiful & Affectionate Brother

JOHN MUNRO.

Boston, 23d April, 1768.

To the first Question, the Grand Lodge, Answer in the Affirmative.

To the second, they for Answer say, that till the particular Circumstances to which said Questions refer are known, do decline giving any Answer, which Resolutions were Voted unanimously.

Moved and Voted, that the Grand Secretary, acquaint Bro^r Munro with the above Resolutions.

It was moved & seconded, that the Grand Committee, chosen to Write to England for a Deputation for the new Elected Grand Master, be continued, to further Order and Regulate what may be necessary to be done previous to the Installment of the said new Grand Master, and that any five of them be a Quorum to meet as Occasion may Require. Which Motion being put it was Voted unanimously.

Upon a Motion made, whether the Feast of St John the Baptist be Celebrated as usual, the Question being put, it past in the Affirmative.

Upon which it was ask'd whether, (if the Installment Feast should fall out about the Time of said Festival of St John) the latter should be Celebrated distinctly? It was Voted, that it should be left to the aforementioned Grand Committee.

The same Committee that provided the Feast last St John the Baptist's Day were now appointed to provide for the ensuing Festival. See page 113.

Masters' Lodge sent for Expences	£0 ,, 18 ,, 0	
First Lodge . . . . Ditto	,, 18 ,, —	
Second Lodge . . . . Ditto	,, 18 ,, —	
	2 ,, 14 ,, —	
Reckoning	1 ,, 10 ,, 1¾	
Paid the Gr Treas[r]	£1 ,, 3 ,, 10¼	

Friday June 24th 1768.

Being the Festival of St John the Baptist, the same was Celebrated at the Grey Hound Tavern in Roxbury when & where were Present the following Brethren. —

Henry Price Esq[r]	G. M.
John Rowe Esq[r]	G. T.
Archibald McNeill	S. G. W.
John Cutler	J. G. W.
Abraham Savage	G. S.
Hugh McDaniel	past D. G. M.
Richard Gridley Esq[r] . . .	D. G. M.
John Box	past G. W.
Joseph Gardner	past G. W.
Samuel Fitch Esq[r]	M. 2[d] L.
Joseph Ingersol Esq[r]	
Benjamin Loring, William Hickling	Ward[s] 1st L.
Jacob McDaniel	Sec[r] D[o]
Thomas Brown	S. W. 2[d] L.

John Box Jun[r]	Daniel Jones . . . . .
Samuel Swift Esq[r] . .	Caleb Blanchard . . . .
James Jackson	Mr. Romney of Halifax
Andrew Johonnett W.M.L.	William Lee Perkins . .
Lewis Gray	John Marston . . . .
Joseph Calender	Winslow Taylor . . . .
Joseph Russell Treas[r] 1st L.	Phillip Dumaresq . . .
William Burbeck . . .	Paschal Nelson Smith . .
Thomas Walley	Cap[t] Tho[s] Phillips . . .
Joseph Webb	William Hoskins . . . .
Thomas Fleet	Peter Roberts . . . .
William Jones	Cap[t] John Dunn . . . .
Benjamin Jackson . . .	Levi Jennings . . . .
William Gooch	Benjamin Homans . . .
Elisha Avery	Richard Clarke of Milton .
George Spooner	John Piemont . . . .
Howard Jacobson . . .	Lemuel Cox . . . . .
Edward Carnes	John Briant 52
Joseph Henderson . . .	—Expence £3. Old Ten[r] each—

SEP^R 30th 1768.

Brother William Jackson arrived at Boston from London, and brought with him the Deputation from his Grace the Duke of Beaufort Grand Master of Masons, to the Right Worshipful John Rowe Esqr to be Provincial Grand Master of Masons in all North America, where no other Grand Master is Appointed. —

Whereupon the Grand Secretary issued the following Summons to each of the Members of the Grand Committee, appointed to Order and Regulate the Installment of the new Grand Master.

BOSTON, October 4th 1768.

R^t Worshipful Brother.

Agreeable to the Vote of the Grand Lodge the 22^d of April last, that the Committee chosen to Write to England for a Deputation for the new Elected Grand Master, should continue, to Order and Regulate what may be necessary, previous to, and at the Installment of said Grand Master, when his Deputation should Arrive.

Said Deputation being arrived, you are therefore desired to attend at the House of Brother Ingersoll this Evening, at Six of the Clock, to Consult and direct what may be proper to be done in the Premisses.

I am Your Affectionate Bro^r & humble Servant

ABR^M SAVAGE Gr. Sec^ry.

To the R^t Worshipf^l Bro^r ———.

The Committee having met at Time and Place above-mentioned, could not proceed far in the business, by reason that the Grand Officers Jewels were unfinished when Bro^r Jackson left London, but were expected in the next Ship that should Arrive. Whereupon they came to the following Resolutions.

Voted, to have a Procession from the place of Installment to Church and back again, if the R^t Worshipful Bro^r Rowe is Willing.

Voted, that the R^t Worshipful Bro^r R. Gridley D. G. M. and the R^t Worshipful John Cutler J. G. W. be a Committee to wait on Bro^r Rowe, to know his Pleasure concerning the Procession.

Voted that those Masons, not in Office who choose to have lined Aprons at the Installment, be directed to Line them with Green Silk.

Voted, that the choice of a Chaplin and all Special Officers be postponed.

Voted, that Time and Place for the Installment be also postponed.

Voted, that this Committee meet again in two Days after the Jewels Arrive.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 28th Day of October 5768.

Present.

The R[t] Worshipful	Richard Gridley Esq[r] .	D. G. M. as G. M.
	John Row Esq[r] . . .	G. M. Elect.
	Robert Jenkins, . . .	past D. G. M.
	Archibald M[c]Neill . .	S. G. W.
	John Cutler	J. G. W.
	John Box	past G. W.
	Abraham Savage . . .	G. S.

Brought Expences.

For the Master's Lodge		
John Joy	M. pro. temp.	£0 ,, 18 ,, —
Job Wheelwright . .	S. W.	
William Jackson . .	J. W. pro Temp.	
For the First Lodge		
James Jackson . . .	M. pro Temp.	0 ,, 18 ,, —
Benjamin Loring . .	S. W.	
William Hickling . .	J. W.	
For the Second Lodge		
Thomas Brown . . .	M. pro Temp[r]	0 ,, 18 ,, —
John Bradford . . .	S.W. pro Temp[r]	
John Box jun[r] . . .	J.W. pro Temp[r]	
		£2 ,, 14 ,, —

Reckoning this Even[g] . . .	£1 ,, 13 ,, 7¼	
D[o] for Gr. Committee Octo 5th .	16 ,, 3¼	
Tyler attending D[o] Octo[r] 5 . .	3 ,, 4	
		2 ,, 13 ,, 2½
Ball[c] p[d] the Gr Treas[r]		£0 ,, 0 ,, 9½

Voted, That the Installment of the new Grand Master shall be on Wednesday the 23[d] of November next, (if fair Weather) or the next fair Day.

Voted, That the Rev[d] Brother Edward Bass of Newbury Port, be invited to Preach a Sermon to the Fraternity on said Day suitable to the Occasion, and the Grand Secretary is directed to write to the said Bro[r] Bass signifying to him this Vote of the Grand Lodge, as also to the Several Lodges in New England requiring their Attendance on said Day.

All other business relating to the Installment was referred to the direction of the Grand Committee. All the Lodges within this Jurisdiction were called over, but none appeared for any of them, but as above.

LETTERS & ANSWERS.

BOSTON October 31st 1768.

Revd Sir

The Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication of Free and Accepted Masons in America, Assembled at Boston on Friday the 28th Instant, having before them the consideration of Time and Place for the Installment of our new Grand Master, the Right Worshipful John Rowe Esqr.

Ordered, that the same should be performed at Boston on Wednesday the 23d day of November next, and at the same Time made choice of You, Sir, to Preach a Sermon to the Fraternity, suitable to the Occasion, and directed me to write to you in behalf of the Grand Lodge, to request you to Preach for them on said Day: Hopeing the Task will not be disagreeable to you, must beg the favour of your Answer ℘ Bror Stavers the first Oppertunity, nothing further at this Time Occurring, but that I am with great Truth

Revd Sir
Your Affectionate Bror and humble Servt
ABRM SAVAGE G. Secry

Revd EDWARD BASS
at Newbury Port.

ANSWER.

NEWBURY PORT, Novr 8. 1768.

Dear Sir.

Yours of October 31st as directed by the Grand Lodge I have received, and return for Answer, that I cannot but comply with the request of a Body for which I have so great a Regard. Pray give my Love to the Brotherhood and Believe me to be with great Sincerity,

Your Affectionate Brother
and Humble Servant,
EDWARD BASS.

Bror ABRM SAVAGE.

BOSTON, October 31st 1768.

Right Worshipful Brother.

The Deputation for our new Grand Master being arrived, I would inform you that the Grand Lodge have appointed Wednesday the 23d day of November next for the Installment, and have directed me to write to all the Lodges in New England to desire their Attendance at said Ceremony, and to bring their Jewels & Cloathing with them. Wherefore in obedience to their Commands, I do invite you, the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge at Portsmouth to attend as aforesaid, and do request you to Write me ℘

Brother Stavers, what number of Brethren from your Lodge may Probably Attend, that Provision may be made accordingly. I am with great Truth Sir

Your Affectionate Brother
and very humble Servant,
Abr^m Savage Gr. Sec^ry.

Mr Samuel Warner
at Portsmouth.

Answer.

Portsmouth New Hampshire Novr 5 1768.

Worshipful Brother.

Our Right Worshipful Master, received your favour and Invitation of the 31st Ult^o and last Evening being Lodge Night, the same was laid before the Members then present, which were but a few. As the Weather and Travelling at this Season of the Year is very uncertain, and the great Hurry of our Brethren in the Mercantile way, in dispatching their Ships to the West Indies in Order to secure their Freights, makes it impossible to ascertain the Members that can be present from this Lodge on the happy Occasion; but as many as possibly can, will Honor themselves by Attending in due Order, and in good Season.

I am, By Order of the Master and Wardens
Your affectionate Brother and humble Servant,
Jno Marsh Sec^ry.

Bro^r Savage.

Boston October 31st 1768.

Sir.

The Grand Lodge here, having made choice of the Right Worshipful John Rowe Esqr to be their Grand Master, in the room of the late R^t Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr deceased, and applied to the Grand Master of England for a Deputation for the said Bro^r Rowe; which Deputation being now arrived, they have appointed Wednesday the 23^d day of November next for his Installment, and directed me to write to all the Lodges in New England, to desire their Attendance with the Jewels & Cloathing of their respective Lodges at said Ceremony;

Wherefore in obedience to the Command of the Grand Lodge, I do invite You, the Officers and Brethren of the Lodges in New Port, to said Installment, the Time above mentioned. I enclose a Letter to the Lodge at Providence, the Master of that Lodge's Name being unknown to me, do request the favour of you to forward it to him, and if he is unknown to you, it may be enclosed to any known Brother there.

Your compliance in the Premisses will greatly Oblige

Your Affectionate Brother
and Humble Servant
Abr^m Savage G. Sec^ry

John Mawdsley, Esqr
at Newport Rhode Island

I should be glad of a Line from you, to know what Number may Attend from Newport, that Provission may be made accordingly.

NB. No Answer received to the above.

BOSTON October 31st 1768.

Sir

The Grand Lodge here having made choice of the Right Worshipful John Rowe Esqr to be their Grand Master, in the room of the late Jeremy Gridley Esqr deceased; and applied to the Grand Master of England for a Deputation for the said Brother Rowe, which Deputation being now arrived, they have appointed Wednesday the 23d day of November next for his Installment, and directed me to write to all the Lodges in New England, to desire their Attendance, with the Jewels and Cloathing of their Respective Lodges at said Ceremony. Wherefore, in Obedience to the Command of the Grand Lodge, I do invite You, the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge in Providence, to attend the Time above mentioned.

You will be pleased to write me a Line, and let me know what Number of Brethren may probably come, that Provission may be made accordingly. Your compliance will greatly Oblige

Your Affectionate Brother
and Humble Servant,

Master of the Lodge at Providence. ABRM SAVAGE Gr. Secry

ANSWER.

PROVIDENCE Novr 18th 1768.

Sir

Your Letter of the 31st Ulto came to hand the 13th Instt Via Newport and was communicated the first Oppertunity after by the Worshipful Joseph Brown Master of the Lodge here, who have directed me to inform you, that by Reason of the long Conveyance of your Letter, its Contents has not till this day come to their Knowledge, and the Meeting of the Grand Lodge being so soon, it so happens with the Officers and Brethren, that neither can attend the Installment of our Right Worshipfull Brother John Rowe Esqr at the Time appointed, and for which we are very Sorry, as our Attendance must have afforded us Peculiar Pleasure in a happy Meeting of so many of our Brethren. I am in behalf of the Lodge to Assure you of their Satisfaction in the Appointment of so respectable and Worthy a Brother to the Chair, and to congratulate him and all the Lodges within his District on the Occasion.

and am Sir Your Affectionate Brother
and most humble Servant

Mr ABRAHAM SAVAGE. Gr Secry MOSES BROWN Secry

Boston October 31st 1768.

Sir

The Deputation for our new Grand Master being Arrived, I would inform you that the Grand Lodge have appointed Wednesday the 23d day of November next for the Installment, and directed me to write to all the Lodges in New England, to desire their Attendance at said Ceremony, and to bring their Jewels & Cloathing with them. Wherefore in obedience to their Commands, I do Invite You, the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge at Newbury Port to attend as aforesaid, and do request you to Write me ℘ Brother Stavers what number of Brethren from your Lodge may probably Attend, that Provission may be made Accordingly.

I am, Sir Your Affectionate Brother
and very humble Servant
Abrm Savage Gr Secry

Mr Stephen Hooper
at Newbury Port.

Answer.

Brother Savage Newbury Port Novr 15th 1768.

I received your kind Letter, with an Invitation to our Lodge to be at Boston the 23d Inst and should have wrote you an Answer last Week, but in the hurry of Business entirely forgot it, and am Sorry to advise you, that it will not be in my Power, to be present at that Time, on Account of my Business, having one Vessel just Sail'd, and two more in loading; But however shall appoint some one in my Room, and send the Jewels down with him, and the others which I don't think will exceed ten in all, as many are absent at Sea. I wish you and all the Fraternity the greatest Happiness and am with due Esteem,

Your Affectionate Friend and Brother,
Stephen Hooper.

Boston October 31st 1768.

Sir

As the Grand Lodge here made choice of Bror John Rowe to Succeed the late Rt Worshipful Bror Gridley in the Office of Grand Master of Masons, and applied home for a Deputation for him; I would acquaint you that said Deputation is arrived, and the Grand Lodge have appointed Wednesday the 23d day of November next for the Installment: In consequence of which I am directed to Write to all the Lodges in New England, requesting their Attendance at said Installment, and to bring their Jewels & Cloathing with them. And as I don't know who the present Master of the Lodge at Salem may be, or the Circumstances of Masonry there, am obliged to apply to you, requesting that if there be any Stated Lodge kept in Salem, You would be so Good as to Communicate the above to them, and desire them to Write me what Number may Attend from their Lodge, that due Provission may be made for them: I would at the same Time mention, that it would give the

Lodges here the greatest Pleasure could they be honoured with your Presence, more especially

Sir. Your Affectionate Brother

ANDREW OLIVER Esqr } and very humble Servant
at Salem. } ABR^M SAVAGE G^r Sec^ry

Verbally Answer'd, That there is no Stated Lodge held at Salem.

BOSTON October 31st 1768.

Sir

The Grand Lodge here having made Choice of the Right Worshipful John Rowe Esqr to be their Grand Master, in the Room of the late Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr deceased, and applied to the Grand Master of England for a Deputation for the said Bro^r Rowe, which Deputation being now arrived, they have appointed Wednesday the 23^d day of November next for his Installment, and directed me to Write to all the Lodges in New England to desire their Attendance, with the Jewels and Cloathing of their Respective Lodges at said Ceremony: Wherefore, in Obedience to the Command of the Grand Lodge, I do invite You, the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge in Marblehead to Attend the Time above-mentioned.

As I am uncertain who the present Master of the Lodge at Marblehead may be, do take the Liberty to direct to you, as you was the first Master of that Lodge, Praying, you will Communicate this Letter to the present Master Wardens and Brethren of said Lodge forthwith, and should be glad of a Line from the said Master, to inform me how many Brethren may Probably Attend here, that Provission may be made Accordingly. Your compliance will greatly Oblige

Your Affectionate Brother
and Humble Servant,

Doc^r JOHN LOWELL } ABR^m SAVAGE G^r Sec^ry
at Marblehead }

NB. No Answer received to the Above.

FRIDAY November 11th 1768.

The Grand Committee met this Evening, at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern to further Regulate & Order what may be Necessary previous too, & at the Installm^t.

Brother Fitch one of the Committee waited on the Honble Henry Hulton Esqr one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, to desire him to use his good Offices at the Board, that the Fraternity may be accommodated with Concert Hall to perform the Ceremonies of the Installment the 23^d Curr^t who returned for Answer to Brother Fitch, that he would endeavour to obtain the

Hall as requested, which Answer Brother Fitch reported to this Committee.

The Committee made choice of the following Brethren to serve in the Respective Offices against their Names in Procession on the Installment Day. Viz.

Bro^r Thomas Brown, Marshal of the Ceremonies. Jewel, Compass & Square, Ribband Gold Lace.

Bro^r Job Prince, to Carry the Sword of State before the Grand Master. Jewel, Square Circle & Triangle within one another, Purple Ribband.

Bro^r Joseph Ingersoll to Carry the Golden Compasses. Jewel, a Circle, Purple R:

Bro^r John Marston, to Carry the Golden Square. Jewel, Geometrical Square, Purple R. —

Bro^r Levi Jennings to Carry the Bible, on a blue Velvet Cushion Fring'd & Tassell'd with Gold. Jewel, Compass & Square, Purple Ribband.

Bro^r Samuel Swift to Carry the Golden Level. Jewel, a Triangle, Purple Ribband.

Bro^r Francis Johonnett to Carry the Golden Plumb Rule. Jewel, a Semi Circle, Purple R.

Bro^r Thomas Walley, Bro^r John Joy, Bro^r Thomas Knight, } Grand Stewards with white Wands tip'd with Gold. Jewels, Square Level & Plumb, broad Cherry Colour'd Ribbands.

Bro^r Samuel Fitch to walk as Master of the Masters' Lodge. Jewel, the Pantheon.

Bro^r William Jackson as Treasurer, Bro^r James Jackson as Secretary } of Masters' Lodge { Cross Keys, Cross Pens } on Gold.

Bro^r Lewis Gray, Bro^r Christopher Clark } Stewards of Masters Lodge, with white Wands, Tipp'd with Blue & Gold. Jewels, Level & Plumb, Cherry Colour'd Ribbands.

Bro^r Samuel Calef, to walk as Master of the First Lodge. Jewel, a Square, to broad Silver Lace.

Bro^r Winslow Taylor, Bro^r Francis Welch } Steward sto the First Lodge, with white Wands Tipp'd with Silver. Jewels the same as those of the Master's Lodge.

Bro^r Benjamin Jackson as Secretary to the First Lodge, with Silver Cross Pens to Silver Lace.

Bro^r Henry Liddel, to walk as Master of the Second Lodge. Jewels the same as First Lodge.

Bro^r John Box jun^r to walk as Treasurer of the Second Lodge. Jewel, Silver Cross Keys.

Bro^r Thomas Fleet, Bro^r Nathl Patten } As Wardens of the Second Lodge, with the usual Jewels.

Bro^r Lewis Turner } Stewards of the Second Lodge, with Wands
Bro^r Edward Carnes } & Jewels the same as the First Lodge.

The Committee after agreeing to the foregoing appointment of Special Officers thought proper to adjourn this Meeting, and agreed to meet again on Tuesday next the 15th Curr^t —

Expence £6 : 8 ,, — Old Ten^r

TUESDAY, Novr 15th, 1768.

The Grand Committee met again this Evening according to Adjournment

Bro^r Fitch produced a Letter from Mr Hulton, to him, wherein he acquaints him that the Honble Board of Commissioners had Consented to let the Fraternity have the use of Concert Hall for the Installment.

The Committee thought it Expedient that a General Grand Lodge should be call'd of all the Regular Masons in Town, in Order to lay before them what Measures had been taken by the Grand Lodge and Grand Committee Previous to the Installment; and to acquaint them of Time, Place, and Orders about the uniform Cloathing, that each Brother may be properly Provided against the Time, accordingly they appointed Friday the 18th of Novr Curr^t for said General Lodge to meet at the British Coffee House, at 6 o'Clock P.M. and at the same Time desired the Grand Secretary to issue out Summons's to all the Known Accepted Brothers in Town, requiring their Attendance the Time and Place above-mentioned.

Expence £6 ,, 8 ,, — Old Ten^r.

Accordingly the next day being the 16th of November, The following Summons was issued out by the Grand Secretary, and dispersed by the Tyler.

BOSTON November 16th 1768.

Brother

Friday Evening the 18th Instant, will be held a Grand & General Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, in Order to communicate to the Brethren, the Orders and Directions of the Grand Lodge relating to the Installment of the New Grand Master, and to deliver Tickets to those who design to be present at said Installment. You are therefore desired to give your Attendance at the British Coffee House at 6 o'Clock P.M. the Day abovementioned.

I am Your Affectionate Bro^r

ABR^M SAVAGE Gr. Sec^ry.

To Brother ———.

At a Grand and General Lodge held at the British Coffee House in Boston, on Friday the 18th day of November 1768.

Present.

Henry Price Esqr	G. M.
John Rowe Esqr	G. M. elect.
Richd Gridley Esqr	D. G. M.
Arch^{ld} McNeill	S. G. W.
John Cutler	J. G. W.
Abr^{m} Savage	G. S.
Hugh McDaniel	past D. G. M.
Robert Jenkins	past D. G. M.
John Box	past G. W.

Thomas Apthorp . . . . . .
Elisha Avery . . . . . .
Joseph Adams . . . . . .
Richd Billings tert^{s} . . . .
Benj^{a} Jackson . . . . . .
John Joy . . . . . .
Daniel Jones . . . . . .
William Jackson. . . . . .
James Jackson . S. M. L. . .
Thomas Knight . . . . . .
Benj^{a} Leigh . . . . . .
Henry Liddel . . . . . .
Benj^{a} Loring . S. W. 1st L.
John McLean . . . . . .
John Munro . . . . . .
Jacob McDaniel S. 1st L. . .
Ens^{n} Jeremiah Meara . . .
William Bant.
Thomas Brown . S. W. 2^{d} L.
John Briant . . . . . .
Samuel Barrett . . . . . .
John Box jun^{r} . . . . . .
Henry Bowers . . . . . .
William Burbeck . . . . . .
Samuel Calef . . . . . .
Edward Carnes . . . . . .
Lemuel Cox . . . . . .
Christopher Clarke . . . . .
Andrew Cazneau . . . . . .
Joseph Callender . . . . . .
Edward Church . . . . . .
Ezra Collings . . . . . .
Elias Dupee . . . . . .
Ambrose Downs . . . . . .
Phillip Dumaresq . . . . . .
Samuel Elbert . . . . . .
Thomas Fleet . . . . . .

William Gooch . . . . . .
Lewis Gray . . . . . .
Benj^{a} Homans . . . . . .
Joseph Henderson . . . .
Shubael Hewes . . . . . .
Willm Hickling . J. W. 1st L.
Joseph Jackson . . . . . .
Andrew Johonnett J. W. M. L.
Willm Jones . . S. 2^{d} L.
Daniel McCarthy . . . . . .
John Marston . . . . . .
Mungo Mackey . . . . . .
William Murray . . . . . .
Joseph Mann . . . . . .
John Nazro . . . . . .
Willm Lee Perkins . . . . .
Nathl Patten . . . . . .
Christopher Prince . . . .
Job Prince . . . . . .
Thos Morris Pryce . . . .
William Palfrey . . . . . .
John Piemont . . . . . .
Moses Pitcher . . . . . .
William Rhodes . . . . . .
Peter Roberts . . . . . .
Samuel Swift . . . . . .
Richard Salter . . . . . .
George Spooner . . . . . .
James Selkrigg . . . . . .
Lewis Turner . . . . . .
Winslow Taylor . . . . . .
William Vernon . . . . . .
Robert Williams . . . . . .
Francis Welch . . . . . .
Joseph Webb . . . . . .
Job Wheelwright S. W. M. L.

The Lodge being opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, they were made acquainted with the Time and Place of the Installment as before mentioned.

It was agreed that those Brethren who do not choose to Line their Aprons, with Green Silk, may wear them Plain, or Line them with any other Colour'd Silk but Blue or Red, and no Precedency be taken by any Brother with a Lined Apron, to those who wear Plain ones.

A Petition of Bro^r William Bant in behalf of Bro^r Jon^a Clarke Lewis (who in his Passage from Ireland to Boston lost all he had by the Ship's foundering under him, and taking to the Boat, was after Several Days taken up by a Vessel bound to South Carolina, and carried in there,) was read, after due consideration thereof it was Voted & Ordered that the same should be considered again on Wednesday next the 23^d Instant after Dinner.

Reckoning & Expence £10 : 7 : 0 Lawful.

NEWBURY PORT November 21st 1768.

Bro^r SAVAGE.

As I am necessarily detained on Account of Business, from being with You the 23^d Inst: I take this oppertunity to recommend to You Brother William Greenough to represent the Master of our Lodge here, and Bro^r George Jenkins and Bro^r Michael Hodge as Wardens, and agreeable thereto have given them the Jewels of the Lodge. I am very Sorry there is not more in Number, but business necessarily detains them: I wish you one and all a pleasant Day and agreeable Repast, and Subscribe myself Your Affectionate Friend and Brother

STEPHEN HOOPER.

P. S. I also send & recommend Bro^r John Emery to represent the Secretary Pro. Temp^r.

WEDNESDAY November 23^d 1768.

This being the day Appointed for performing the Ceremonies of Installing the new Grand Master; The Brethren Assembled at Concert Hall by ten o'Clock A.M. who being properly Cloathed & Stationed, according to the Part they were to perform in this Grand Solemnity.

It was at first design'd that the Grand Officers should meet by themselves in the Anti-Chamber, and when all the Brethren had taken their Places in the Hall, then the first Procession of the Grand Officers was to have been made into the Hall in the manner hereunder described; which is inserted for the direction of those who may have the Management of such a Solemnity on any future Occasion; but many Circumstances Occuring, rendered it highly inconvenient at this Place, so was Omitted. — i.e.

The first Procession of Grand Officers.

1 The Grand Tyler to clear the way, with his Sword.
2 Two Stewards of the Second Lodge, with their Wands —
3 Two Stewards of the First Lodge, Ditto
4 Two Stewards of the Master's Lodge, Ditto —
5 Three Grand Stewards . . . Ditto
(When these enter the Hall they were to open to Right & Left and make a Lane for those who follow to pass through.)
6 Past Grand Wardens Single, juniors to go first.
7 Past Deputy Grand Masters, single, juniors first.
(who are to take their Places on each hand of the Grand Master, as they arrive.)
8 Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.
9 Grand Wardens . . . .
10 Deputy Grand Master carrying the new Grand Master's Jewel in his Hand.
11 The Golden Plumb Carrier, The Chaplin, The Golden Level Carrier.
12 The Golden Square Carrier, with the Square in his hand.
(The Constitutions Carrier, on a blue Velvet Cushion Fringed & Tassell'd with Gold.)
(The Golden Compass Carrier, with the Compass's in his hand.)
13 The Sword of State.
14 (The Grand Master Elect. Cloathed only as a Mason) The present Grand Master.
15 The Marshal with his blue Truncheon Tip'd with Gold.

In stead of performing the foregoing Procession, the whole of the Brethren Assembled in the Hall, and the several Officers took their Stations in the following Order. Viz[t]

Grand Master Price, in Solomon's Chair.

Grand Master Elect, on his Right hand.

Deputy Grand Master on his Left hand.

The Two Grand Wardens, at the West end of the Middle Table.

The Grand Treasurer, between the North and Middle Tables.

The Grand Secretary, between the South and Middle Tables.

The Regalia Carriers, Right & Left hand of the Gr. Sec[ry] & Gr. Treas[r]

The Marshal of the Ceremonies, behind the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Stewards, at the foot of the three Tables.

The 6 other Stewards at the Door, & other parts of the Hall where wanted.

The Past Grand Officers on each hand of the Grand Master accord[g] to Seniority.

The Masters of Lodges next without them, on each side.

The Wardens of Lodges at the bottom of North & South Tables.

The Treasurers & Secretaries of Lodges, in the middle of North & South Tables.

When all had taken their Places in the foregoing Manner, The Grand Master Opened the Lodge in Ample Form.

Then he acquainted the Lodge of the Occasion of their Assembling at this Time, in the following Manner,

Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren.

Ye are Assembled here to-day to be Witnesses of the Ceremonial, of filling the Chair of Solomon, lately become Vacant by the Death of the Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr of Glorious Memory; After so great a Loss to Masonry, the Grand Lodge placed their Eyes on the Right Worshipfull John Rowe Esqr late Deputy Grand Master and now Grand Treasurer to fill the Chair, who was thereupon Constitutionally Elected, and a Petition at the same Time was sent to the Grand Master of England to confirm said Choice, and Praying for a Deputation of the said Brother Rowe to that High Office; which Deputation being now Arrived, the Grand Secretary will read to you from the Reccords what steps have been taken by the Grand Lodge, and afterward the Deputation itself.

The Grand Secretary read the several Passages referr'd to, which see Page 127. at this Mark *. and Page 131. at this Mark †. ibid at this Mark ‡ and 131 at this Mark ×. & 132 +. After reading the above Cited Passages from the Record, the Grand Secretary read aloud The Grand Master's Deputation as follows.

Seal

BEAUFORT G. M.

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL and Loving Brethren. WE his Grace HENRY SOMERSET, Duke of Beaufort, Marquis and Earl of Worcester, Earl of Glamorgan, Viscount Grossmont, Baron Herbert, Lord of Ragland, Chepstow and Gower in Monmouthshire, also Baron Beaufort of Caldecot Castle, Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS.

SEND GREETING.

KNOW YE, that We of the great Trust and Confidence reposed in Our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brother HENRY PRICE Esqr of North America, Constituted Provincial Grand Master for North America by Viscount Montague Grand Master April 13th 1733. He Resigning, Recommends JOHN ROWE Esqr. We therefore do hereby Constitute and appoint him the said JOHN ROWE Esqr Provincial Grand Master for all North America and the Territories thereunto belonging, where no other Provincial Grand Master is in being, with full Power and Authority in due form to Make Masons, and Constitute and Regulate Lodges, as Occasion may Require, And also to do and execute all and every such other Acts and things appertaining to the said Office as Usualy have been and Ought to be done and Executed by other Provincial Grand

Masters. He the said John Rowe Esqr taking special care that all and every the Members of every Lodge he shall Constitute have been Regularly made Masons, and that they do Observe, Perform and keep all and every the Rules — Orders and Regulations, Contained in the Book of Constitutions, Except such as have been or may be Repealed at any Quarterly Communication or other general Meeting, togather also with all such other Rules, Orders, Regulations and Instructions as shall from Time to Time be Transmitted by us, or by the Honourable Charles Dillon our Deputy, or by any of our Successors Grand Masters, or his Deputy for the Time being. And We hereby Will and Require you our said Provincial Grand Master to cause Four Quarterly Communications to be held Yearly, one whereof to be upon or as near to the Feast day of St John the Baptist as conveniently may be. And that you promote on those and all other Occasions whatever may be for the Honour and Advantage of Masonry and the Benefit of the Grand Charity. And that you Yearly send to Us or our Successors Grand Masters, an Account in Writing of the Proceedings therein, and also of what Lodges you Constitute, and when and where held, with a List of the Members thereof, And Copies of all such Rules, Orders and Regulations as shall be made for the good Government of the same, with whatever Else you shall do by Virtue of these Presents. And that at the same time you Remit to the Treasurer of the Society for the Time being at London Three Pounds three Shillings Sterling for every Lodge you shall Constitute, for the use of the Grand Charity and other necessary purposes.

Given at London under Our Hand
and Seal of Masonry This twelvth
day of May A. D. 1768. A. L. 5768.
By the Grand Master's Command.

Witness Charles Dillon D. G. M.
Samuel Spencer G. S.

After Reading the Deputation as above, the Grand Secretary said:

Right Worshipful and Loving Brethren,

Ye have heard the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge read to you, as also the Deputation for the new Grand Master. I therefore Proclaim the Right Worshipful John Rowe Esqr to be Provincial Grand Master of Masons of all North America, and may God Almighty Bless him in the Government of the Craft, and us in him.

Upon pronouncing as above, the Lodge signified their Approbation by the usual, significant Testimonial, of Three times Three.

Then followed the Procession round the Hall in the following Order.

1st Grand Tyler to clear the way.
2d Stewards two & two abreast.
3 The three Grand Stewards.
4 Master of the youngest Lodge with a great Light.
5 Wardens of the Master's Lodge.
6 Grand Secretary.
7 Grand Treasurer.
8 Past Grand Wardens, two and two.
9 Master of the eldest Lodge with a great Light.
10 Past Deputy Grand Masters.
11 Master of the Masters Lodge with a great Light.
12 Junior Grand Warden.
13 Senior Grand Warden.
14 Deputy Grand Master.
15 Constitution Book on a Cushion.
16 Grand Master Elect.
17 Sword Bearer with the Sword of State.
18 Grand Master.
19 Marshal with his Trunchion.

The Procession ended and all returned to their Places. The Grand Master took his leave of the Chair, in the following Speech.

Right Worshipful and Well beloved Brethren:

This is now the fourth Time I have Officiated in this important Office; namely, that of the Installment of a Right Worshipful Brother, to fill up those Vacancies Death hath from Time to Time made in Solomon's Chair. As I look back on those Strokes of Providence, with Regrett, yet when I cast my Eyes arround me and see so many Worthy Brothers advancing in all the Laudable Qualifications of Masonry, I am Comforted, and say to myself, Surely, Masonry can never want a Suitable Head, nor the Royal Craft a Leader.

It is with singular Pleasure I have seen the Unanimity in the present Choice, and the Concurrence of the Grand Master of England thereto.

Therefore, Brethren, let me once more take my Solemn leave of this Chair, by a Word of Advice to You: Let me recommend to You in the first place, a proper defference to your new Grand Master, Assisting him with your Advice and Aid, in carrying up that great Building, Charity! Regard yourselves as a Body of People the most considerable in the World, selected into different Departments for promoting all the Good you can, in proportion to your Abilities and Oppertunities, not only to one another, but to all your Fellow Creatures, in publick obedience to the Laws of God, and the manifestation of the Social Duties we Profess. Let each Man, then in every such Department, study his usefulness; not to recline himself in a round of Selfish Pleasures, or Associate for the purpose of Eating and Drinking, without first paying a peculiar regard to the great Business of Mankind, and to the use

of our Faculties as reasonable Beings. There is not a more evident Duty incumbent upon us, than to return the kindness we receive, and to be intent in furthering the Interest of those who have been employed in promoting ours. We should be always desirous of entertaining each other with Social, Virtuous and Chearful Sentiments, shewing gladness when we meet, and ever Meet united. Our Conversation should be the true Knowledge and Improvement of our respective Sciences, Secrets, and Mysteries, for in Knowledge we shall find heavenly Truths. None of us should bring with him any Seed of Party Contention; We should preserve a Modest and subordinate Respect to those endowed with higher Abilities and Superiour Knowledge in the business of Life. Let us call on the great God, the divine Author of every perfect Gift, and the Wise disposer of all Events, to Adorn us respectively with this Jewel, Charity! and all other Materials, if he thinks it right and Meet so to do; to incorporate our Hearts with Unity, Love, Strength, and Wisdom, to Contrive, Conduct and Support the establishing in the three Grand Principles, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Finally, Brethren, I commit you to the Holy keeping of the Divine Architect, and the discreet Government of your Grand Master, wishing you all the Felicity that can arise from a Retrospect View of doing a Series of good Actions; and that such may be rewarded not only here, but hereafter, is the Ardent Wish of your much Honoured and Affectionate Friend and Brother, — who now Retires from Your Chair.

Grand Master. I am now going to Inaugerate the Right Worshipfull Brother whom you have chosen to be Your Grand Master, but first let us Invoke the Almighty Grand Master, and giver of all Good Gifts for his Blessing on our Proceedings.

The Prayer.

O most Glorious and Eternal God! who art the infinitely alwise Architect of the Universe: We thy Servants Assembled in Solemn Grand Lodge, would now extol thy Power and Wisdom in the Works of Creation and Providence: Thou said let there be Light and there was Light: The Heavens opened and declared thy Glory, and the Firmament Spangled with thy handy Work; The Sun who rules the Day, gave Light to the Moon; The Moon who Rules the Night, tells to the listening Earth the surprising Story of her Birth, so that there is one Glory of the Sun, another Glory of the Moon, and one Star differs from another Star in Glory, and all by most Wonderous Signs and Tokens, without Voice, Sound or Language, solemnly Proclaim Divine Mysteries. We adore thee for that distinguishing Characterestick thou hast given of Man, being made in thine own Image, and hast above all thy Creatures made him Lord of this lower World, and given him a Capacity to imitate thy Moral Perfections. We beseech thee to give us thy

Servants at this Time, Wisdom in all our doings, Strength of Mind in our difficulties, and the Beauty of Harmony in all our Communications with one another: But Grant, O Lord! that thy Servant now about to be Solemnly invested with the Authority and Rule over the several Lodges in this part of the World, may be endued with Knowledge and Wisdom to instruct and explain to us the Mysteries of Masonry; and grant that we may understand, learn and keep all the Statutes and Commandments of the Lord, and this Holy Mystery, pure and undefiled unto our Lives end; that Brotherly Love and Charity may always abound among us; let this be always the Cement of our Society, each one striving how to be most beneficial to Mankind:

And when we have finished our Work here below, let our Transition from this Earthly Tabernacle be to the Heavenly Temple above, there safely Lodged among thy Jewels, we may Shine with thee for ever and ever.

We ask all in the Name of him who stood on the Pinnacle of the Holy Temple, even Christ Jesus, our Lord, Amen.

The foregoing Prayer, performed by the Revd Brother Bass. The Grand Master Elect standing before Solomon's Chair, — and Grand Master Price at his Right hand, The Bible open at the Gospel of St. John, the Compasses open and the Square laid thereon all laid on the Table before the Grand Master, he proceeded to give the following Charge to the new Grand Master.

THE CHARGE

Right Worshipful Brother. The first and most essential Requisite towards a right Conduct in the great Trust you are undertaking, is to Study the Utility, as well as to enforce the Practice of all Moral and Social Duties. Another very useful Requisite to a right Conduct, is to know what particularly relates to yourself under this Trust; and by the influence of that Knowledge, to rectify your consequent Actions. This Precept was wrote in Letters of Gold over the Porch of the Temple of Apollo, and profess'd as a principle Maxim by all the Sages of Old. It is the true Philosophical and Practical Wisdom, which settles all Matters right within: It teaches us to regulate unguarded Passions, deliniates the true Scope and System of human Life, and is the only Apparatus for becoming a Pattern and a Guardian to Society.

Power is most wisely and properly Lodged in such Hands. In you, Sir, every Brother may have an able Friend and Councellor (as the Visitors of Apollo had from his Oracles,) not only to point out his Errors, but to be informed how they are to be corrected and Reformed. Could every Constitution be thus wisely delegated, it would be the most implicit Guidance to certain Honour and Happiness; for by you, Sir, thus founded and enlightened, Order, Politeness, Fortitude, Wisdom, Affability, Friendship,

Benevolence, Faith, Hope, Charity and everything Aimable in Society will be Administered; and, by your Example and Occasional Precepts from the Chair, you will so Amply fill, be kindled in the Breast of every Mason. Depend Sir, the application of the many valuable Maxims you abound with, will be enforced with less trouble and difficulty, than they are commonly received, as they will be made Familiar by your own Practice: And I don't Doubt but we shall soon see this Lodge beam out in Radient brightness and disperse Light and Truth among all Masons. The Bible, Sir, which is that Sacred History called the Scriptures, delivered to us by Moses, the inspired Writer of Gods Commands, and Grand Master of the Lodge of Israel, togather with the Writings of the Prophets and Apostles, is the Grand Archive of Masonry, and all the most eminent Virtues, Moral and Divine relative thereto; it is the Body of our Duty to him that made us, by whom we live, move and have our being. From our belief therein springs our Love and Fear of God, which is the beginning of Wisdom. Our Love and Fear of God, founded in the belief of the Gospel, inspires us with Spiritual discernment, illuminates our Faith, will enable us to Square our Principles, Level our Desires, and Plumb our Actions. Our Hopes, our Fears, and our whole Conduct become regulated thereby; they give to Virtue its sweetest comforts; to habituated Vice its greatest Fears. It is indisputably evident, that Princes, as well as Peasants, must equally submit to the common disolution of Matter, and when the Hour of our Death Approaches, none dare to ask from whence, nor why it comes; it is Gods Decree that every one shall Die; Death is his Messenger to enforce his Law; nor will he let any of us carry from hence any Mark of human Pride, Treasures or Honours, or any Proof of our Earthly Consequence, but a good Conscience, obtained from a well spent Life; from whence reflects the most brilliant Legacy we can leave our Friends in this world, a good Name.

> None but the Actions of the Great and Just
> Can shine, when mingled are, with common Dust;
> Then we, in Life, should pay respect to Fame,
> And leave behind us an unspotted Name.

Here Sir, is the Bible, the Compass, the Square, the Level and the Plumb Rule, the Simbols of Masonry: The first is to be the Rule and Guide of your faith; the others are well known Instruments necessary to Builders. The Compass teaches us Prudence and Circumspection; The Square teaches us Justice and Truth; The Level and Plumb teaches us the Equality of States, and Uprightness of Conduct among Masons. If there be any Virtue and if there be any Praise, think on these Things.

Then Grand Master Price took the Collar with the Jewel appending thereto, and put it over the Neck of the new Grand Master, and said, "Receive this Jewel as the Badge of Dignity; The Sun

here Represented, as it enlightens, warms and Cherishes the Earth, so you are to be the Great Light and Comforter of the Lodges; The Compass extended on it, sheweth, that his Dimensions and Influences are within the Compass of Science, of which you are to be the Patron. Let me now Seat you in Solomons Chair,* and Cover you with the distinguishing Badge† of Superiority; and may you long enjoy this eminent Station, for the good of Masonry, and be a Crown of Honour to yourself for ever and ever.

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and all the other Grand Officers, Masters, Wardens and Brethren of Lodges in Course, Congratulated the New Grand Master upon his exaltation, and then retired to their Places.

Then the new Grand Master called to Order by a Stroke of the Hammer and stood up and gave his Benediction to the Brethren, as follows.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe, pour down his Blessings on this Society, and enable me to discharge the great Trust reposed in me, to the Honour of his Name, and the Royal Art; and may there never be wanting such to fill the Chair who shall promote Masonry, and the Good of Mankind, so long as the World endureth. Amen.

The Lodge was Closed in Form.—— Then the Marshal call'd forth the Officers and Brethren in the Order they were to be formed for the Grand Procession to Church, as follows.

1. The Grand Tyler, { with the Constitution Book open on his left Arm, and a Naked Sword in his Right Hand
2. Two Bands of Musick, { belonging to the 59th and 64th Regiments, consisting of 6 Hautboys, 3 Bassoons, 2 Clarrinetts and one French Horn . . . . . .
3. The Brethren of Newbury Port Lodge . . . . . .
4. The Master and Wardens of Newbury Port Lodge . . .
5. The Stewards of the Apprentices Lodge . . . . . .
6. The two Wardens of the Apprentices Lodge . . . . .
7. The Brethren of the Apprentices Lodge, two and two . .
8. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Apprentices Lodge . .
9. The Master of the Apprentices Lodge . . . . . .
10. The two Stewards of the Fellow Crafts Lodge . . . . .
11. The Wardens of the Fellow Crafts Lodge . . . . . .
12. The Brethren of the Fellow Crafts Lodge, two and two . .
13. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Fellow Crafts Lodge .
14. The Master of the Fellow Crafts Lodge . . . . . .
15. The two Stewards of the Master's Lodge . . . . . .
16. The Wardens of the Masters Lodge . . . . . .
17. The Brethren of the Masters Lodge, two and two . . . .
18. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Masters Lodge . . .

* The Grand Master gently with both Hands placed the new Grand Master in the Chair.
† and put his Hat upon his Head.

19. The Master of the Masters Lodge.
20. The three Grand Stewards . . . . . .
21. The Plumb carrier, The Chaplin, The Level carrier . . .
22. The Square carrier, The Bible carrier, The Compass carrier.
23. The Grand Sword bearer, with the Sword of State . . .
24. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer . . . . . .
25. The Grand Wardens . . . . . .
26. The Deputy Grand Master, The Grand Master, The past Grand Master.
27. The past Deputy Grand Masters, and past Grand Wardens.
28. The Grand Marshal . . . . . .

NB. The Names of those who acted as Officers in the foregoing Procession, see Page 145, except the following alterations, which were made by reason of the Absence of those who were chosen, Viz. Bro^r Nathaniel Patten in the room of Bro^r John Joy, a Grand Steward, and Bro^r Joseph Jackson in the room of Brother Joseph Gardner as Grand Treasurer. Bro^r Samuel Barrett went as Warden of the Apprentices Lodge in the room of Bro^r Nathaniel Patten chosen a Grand Steward as before mentioned.

For the Ensigns and Badges of office which each carried, see the Page afore named against each of their Names.

In the above Order the Brethren Marched to Trinity Church, amidst a vast Concourse of People, both in the Streets and at the Windows of the Houses in those Streets the Procession Passed through.; When arrived at the Church Door, the Brethren opened to the Right and Left, and formed a Lane for the Grand Master and Grand Officers (preceeded by all the Stewards) to pass through, The Music Playing all the while they were Passing into the Church, and upon the Grand Master's entrance into it, the Organ began to Play, and continued Playing till the whole had entered, and taken their Places; There was a very Crowded Auditory, and the Reverend Mr Walter Read Prayers, after which the Reverend Bro^r Bass Preached an excellent Sermon from these Words in St John's Gospel, "The Desciple whom Jesus Loved." When Service was over, the Organ began to Play again while a new form of Procession was ordering in the middle Aisle and till the whole were out of the Church: The Procession back to Concert Hall from Church was in the following Order.

1. The Grand Tyler, as before . . . . . .
2. The Bands of Musick . . . . . .
3. The Stewards of the Apprentices Lodge . . . . . .
4. The Stewards of the Fellow Crafts Lodge . . . . . .
5. The Stewards of the Master's Lodge . . . . . .
6. The three Grand Stewards. . . . . .
7. The Plumb carrier, The Chaplin, The Level carrier. . . .
8. The Square carrier, The Bible carrier, The Compass carrier.
9. The Grand Sword bearer . . . . . .
10. The Deputy Grand Master, The Grand Master, The past Grand Master . . . . . .

11. The Grand Wardens . . . . . .
12. The Past Deputy Grand Masters and past Grand Wardens .
13. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer . . . . . .
14. The Master of the Master's Lodge . . . . . .
15. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Master's Lodge . . .
16. The Brethren of the Master's Lodge . . . . . .
17. The Wardens of the Master's Lodge . . . . . .
18. The Master of the Fellow Crafts Lodge . . . . . .
19. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Fellow Crafts Lodge. .
20. The Brethren of the Fellow Crafts Lodge . . . . . .
21. The Wardens of the Fellow Crafts Lodge. . . . . .
22. The Master of the Apprentices Lodge . . . . . .
23. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Apprentices Lodge . .
24. The Brethren of the Apprentices Lodge . . . . . .
25. The Wardens of the Apprentices Lodge . . . . . .
26. The Officers of Newbury Port Lodge . . . . . .
27. The Brethren of Newbury Port Lodge . . . . . .
28. The Grand Marshal. . . . . .

In the foregoing manner they returned to Concert Hall (the Musick playing before them all the way) where an Elegant and Sumptuous Dinner was Provided, they arrived at the Hall about two o'Clock P.M. and march'd into the Hall in the same Order, and took their Places as mentioned at Page 149, except the new Grand Master in Solomon's Chair, and Grand Master Price on his Right hand.—

Here follows a List of the Brethren belonging to the Town who walked in the Procession: in Alphabetical Order. Viz.—

1. Nathaniel Abraham .
2. Elisha Avery . . .
3. James Arnold . . .
4. Nathaniel Ames . .
5. Thomas Apthorp . .
6. William Bant . . .
7. John Briant . . . .
8. Edward Blanchard . .
9. Henry Bowers . . .
10. Samuel Barrett. Merch^{t} W. 2^{d} L. . . . .
11. Richard Billings, jun^{r}.
12. Richard Billings, tert^{s}.
13. John Box. P. G. W. .
14. John Box jun^{r}. T. 2^{d} L.
15. Thomas Brown, G. Marsh. . . . .
16. Christopher Clarke, S. M. L. . . . . .
17. Joseph Callender . .
18. Benjamin Church jun^{r} .
19. Edward Church . . .
20. Lemuel Cox . . . .
21. John Cutler, J. G. W.
22. Edward Carnes, S.2^{d}L.
23. Richard Clarke of Milton . . . . . .
24. Samuel Calef, M. 1st L.
25. Andrew Cazneau . .
26. Thomas Dade . . .
27. Phillip Dumaresq . .
28. Elias Dupee . . . .
29. John Dunn . . . .
30. Samuel Fitch Esqr M. M. L. . . . . .
31. Thomas Fleet, W. 2^{d} L.
32. Robert Fowle, of Portsmouth . . . . .
33. Richard Gridley Esqr D. G. M. . . . .

34. Scarborough Gridley .
35. Joshua Gardner . .
36. William Gooch . . .
37. Lewis Gray, S. M. L.
38. William Hickling W. 1st L. . . . . .
39. Benjamin Homans . .
40. Shubael Hewes . . .
41. James Hall . . . .
42. Hugh Hunter . . .
43. Francis Johonnett . . Plumb. . . . .
44. Andrew Johonnett, W. M. L. . . . . .
45. Joseph Jackson, G. T.
46. Benjamin Jackson, Sec. 1st L. . . . . .
47. William Jackson, T. M. L. . . . . .
48. James Jackson, Secry M. L. . . . . .
49. Joseph Ingersoll, Compass . . . . .
50. Daniel Jones . . .
51. William Jones, Sec. 2d L. . . . . .
52. Levi Jennings, Bible .
53. Benjamin Ingersoll .
54. Robert Jenkins, past D. G. M. . . . .
55. John Joy . . . . .
56. Thomas Knight, G. Std.
57. Henry Liddell, M. 2d L.
58. Benjamin Loring, W. 1st L. . . . . .
59. James Lishman . . .
60. Archibald McNeill G. W. . . . . .
61. Daniel McCarthy . .
62. Hugh McDaniel, past D. G. M. . . . . .
63. William Murray . .
64. John Marston, Square.
65. John McLean . . .
66. John Munro . . . .
67. Mungo Mackey . . .
68. John Nazro . . . .
69. Job Prince . Sword.
70. Christopher Prince . .
71. Thomas Morris Pryce.
72. Fitch Pool . . . .
73. William Lee Perkins .
74. Nathaniel Patten, G. Ste. . . . . .
75. John Pemont . . .
76. Moses Pitcher . . .
77. Henry Price Esqr, past G. M. . . . . .
78. Peter Roberts . . .
79. Joseph Russell, T. 1st L.
80. John Rowe, Esqr G. M.
81. William Rhodes . .
82. Abraham Savage, G. S.
83. Samuel Swift, . Level.
84. George Spooner . .
85. Richard Salter . . .
86. Richard Small . . .
87. James Selkrigg . . .
88. Richard Sylvester . .
89. William Taylor . . .
90. Lewis Turner, S. 2d L.
91. Samuel Thaxter . .
92. Winslow Taylor, S. 1st L. . . . . .
93. James Sheppard . .
94. William Vernon . .
95. Thomas Walley, G. St.
96. Levi Willard . . .
97. Francis Welch, S. 1st L.
98. Joseph Webb . . .
99. Alexander Watt . .
100. John Foster Williams.
101. Robert Williams junr .
102. Job Wheelwright, W. M. L. . . . . .
103. Barthe Green . Tyler. Newbury Port Lodge.
104. William Greenough. M.
105. George Jenkins, S. W.
106. Michael Hodge, J. W.
107. John Emery . Secy .

Strangers who bought Tickets.

108. Capt Joseph Adams of Sloop Liberty .
109. Samuel Elbert, of Georgia. . . . . .
110. Bulkely Emerson, of Newbury . . . .
111. Lawrence Frazier . .
112. Alex^{r} Frazier . . .
113. Chichester Fortescue, Officer of Man of War . . . . .
114. Moses Parsons, of Newbury . . . . .
115. Moses Titcomb, of Ditto
116. William Perry, from Eng^{d} . . . . .

Strangers who were invited at the expence of the Grand Master.

117. Revd Edwd Bass, of Newbury . . . .
118. Lt Wm Boyes, of the Bonnetta . . . .
119. Lt Col. Maurice Carr, of the 29th Reg^{t} . . .
120. Doc^{r} Catherwood . .
121. Lt James Dickson, of ye Mermaid . . .
122. Capt John Fenton, of the Army . . . .
123. Mr Hinks, of the board of Customs . . .
124. John Holloway, Mate of Romney . . .
125. Lt Meara, of the 29th Reg^{t} . . . . .
126. Mr Paice, Purser of the Mermaid . . . .
127. Doc^{r} Patten, of the Senegal . . . . .
128. Lt Edwd Smith, of the Romney . . . .

Brethren who Dined at the Hall, but were not in the Procession.

129. Beltshazar Bayard . .
130. William Coffin jun^{r}. .
131. Nathaniel Coffin . .
132. Caleb Blanchard . .
133. Jacob McDaniell . .
134. James Otis Esqr . .

Persons invited to Dinner who were not Masons.

135. The Revd William Walter, Minister of Trinity Church.
136. Mr George Harland Hartley, Organist of Kings Chapel.
148. The 12 Musicians belonging to the two Bands.

All the Time the Brethren were at Dinner the Bands of Musick Played, many fine Pieces of Musick, and after Dinner they were joined by the Organ, on which Mr Hartley shewed his excellent Skill and Judgement in Musick. After the Cloth was taken away and the Tables were properly covered, Bro^{r} Fitch moved for the Consideration of the Petition of Bro^{r} William Bant in behalf of Bro^{r} Jonathan Clark Lewis referr'd over to this Time, when the Circumstances of the Affair were made known to the Brethren present it was immediately agreed that a Collection should be made forthwith: Whereupon the Grand Secretary carried about a Hat to the Brethren in the Order as they sat, and upon returning to his

Place found that he had gathered the Sum of Twenty Nine Pounds, One shilling and four Pence Lawful Money.

A Motion was made by Bro^r Fitch, that part of this Money be given to Bro^r Todd, who was in the Boat with Brother Lewis, and being a Stranger here and lost everything he had, after several Arguments it was agreed to be left to the determination of the Grand Lodge, to be Specially called on Wednesday the 30th Instant for that Purpose.

After this Affair was so far settled, the Musick went on till Night, when the Hall was finely illuminated, by Seventy two Candles in the Chandiliers and Sconsces, and by Nine large Candles in the several Lodges Candlesticks. The Evening was Spent in the foregoing manner till near ten o'Clock, when the Brethren mostly Retired.

Thus was ended this Grand Solemnity, much to the Honour of the Fraternity, as the like had never been seen in America before, what from the Richness of the Jewels, Badges, Cloathing, and Ensigns of Office — the Good Order and Regularity of the Procession, the appearance of many Honourable and Respectable Brethren, and the uniformity of the Cloathing the Spectators of all Ranks were struck with Admiration, except some few who call themselves Brethren, who had Sufficient to raise their Envy, for it appeared in the Countenances of several of them, as the Procession passed through the Streets to, and from Church.

At a Special Grand Lodge, held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Wednesday the 30th day of November, 1768.

Present.

R^t Worshipful	Richard Gridley Esqr	D. G. M. as G. M.
	Robert Jenkins . .	past D. G. M.
	John Box	past G. W. as S. G. W.
	John Cutler . . .	J. G. W.
	Abraham Savage .	G. S.
	Joseph Russell .	as M. of the 1st Lodge.
	Benjamin Loring .	S. W. of Ditto.
	Samuel Fitch Esqr	M. of 2^d Lodge.
	Thomas Brown . .	S. W. of Ditto.

The Affair of the distribution of the Charitable Collection made at Concert Hall, at the Installment Feast, for the Relief of Brother Jonathan Clarke Lewis and Brother Daniel Todd, (see Page 148 & 160.) was argued before the Lodge: and it was

Voted, that the Sum of £29 ,, 1 ,, 4 (being the Sum Collected) be equally divided between them or £14 ,, 10 ,, 8 to each of the Petitioners.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary pay to Bro^r Lewis the above Sum which was Voted to him.

Voted, That the other Moiety be paid into the hands of the R^t Worship^l Bro^r Fitch, to be transmitted to Bro^r Todd, who is gone to New York.

Voted, unanimously; That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge, be given to the Revd Brother Bass, for his excellent Sermon, Preached before the Fraternity on the 23^d Instant, and to desire a Copy of said Sermon for the Press: And that the Grand Secretary signify to him the Resolutions of this Lodge, accordingly.

Voted, That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to Mr Hartley who performed many fine Pieces of Musick before the Brotherhood on the 23^d Instant, and that the R^t Worshipf^l Bro^r Cutler, Junr Gr Warden signify the same to him.

Voted, that the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Reverend Mr Walter, Minister of Trinity Church, for the use of his Pulpit and for Reading Prayers before the Fraternity on the 23^d Instant; and that Brothers John Cutler, John Box and Robert Jenkins, be a Committee to wait upon him and Signify to him the foregoing Vote.

Voted, that three Dollars be given to Mr Stimpson, Sexton of Trinity Church, as a reward for his Service and Attendance on said Day.

Voted that the Celebration of the Festival of St John the Evangelist be Omitted this Year.

BOSTON, December 5th 1768.

Revd Brother.

I am directed by the Grand Lodge to transmit to you a Vote of theirs, passed at their last Meeting, which Vote will sufficiently explain the cause of my Writing to you at this Time.

At a Special Grand Lodge held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in King Street, Boston on Wednesday the 30th of November 5768, among other Things, —

"Voted, (unanimously,) That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Revd Bro^r Bass for his excellent Sermon, Preached before the Fraternity on the 23^d Instant, and to desire a Copy of said Sermon for the Press; and the Grand Secretary is desired to Signify the above Resolutions of this Grand Lodge to him accordingly."

Wherefore, in conformity to said Votes, I do hereby return you their Thanks, and request the favour of a Copy of said Sermon to be sent to me, that it may have due Honours done it, by making a proper Impression on the Minds of the Brethren, when they can have a Sedate Perusal of the same.

I am, Revd Sir
Your Affectionate Brother
and very humble Servant
ABR^M SAVAGE, Gr Sec^ry

Revd Bro^r BASS
at Newbury Port.

The Answer.

Dear Sir. Newbury Port December 8, 1768.

I received Yours by the last Post, and am Obliged to the Brethren of the Special Grand Lodge, lately held at the Bunch of Grapes for the Compliment they were then pleased to pass upon my Sermon, and for the Honour they seem disposed to do me by Publishing it. I am not much used to standing upon Ceremony, especially with a Brother. Whenever therefore, I shall chance to find a Friend going to Boston, who is willing to take the Trouble upon him, I will send you the Sermon, or will deliver it to any Brother, or, other Person whom you shall desire to call at my House for it.

I am Dear Sir
Your Affectionate Brother
and humble Servant
Edward Bass.

Abr^m Savage Gr. Sec^ry

NB. The above Sermon was never sent up; though after some time it was applied for again; but not sent, nor offered in due Season for its Publication, so was never, Printed.

At the First Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Boston held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in King Street, on Wednesday the 14th of Decr 1768.

Present.

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and several Past Grand Officers, with a numerous Assembly of Brethren.

Several Brethren stood up and expressed their uneasiness on Account of the Vote of the Special Grand Lodge of November the 30th last past, (see Page 162) to Omitt the Celebration of St John the Evangelist next ensuing. After some Arguments thereon, they earnestly requested that said Vote may be reconsidered, as most of the Members of the Grand Lodge were Present.

After due consideration of what was offered by those Brethren who were for a Celebration, it was unanimously Voted that the said Festival be observed in the usual Manner, and the Grand Master Nominated the following Brethren to be Stewards, Viz.

[Names omitted in the record.]

Tuesday, December 27th 1768.

Being the Festival of St John the Evangelist, the same was Celebrated at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, when and where were Present the following Brethren, Viz^t.

[Names omitted in the record.]

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the British Coffee House in Boston on Friday the 27th day of January 5769.

Present.

Rt Worshipful John Rowe Esqr		G. M.
	Richard Gridley Esqr	D. G. M.
	Archibald McNeill	S. G. W.
	John Cutler . . .	J. G. W.
	Abraham Savage .	G. S.
	Robert Jenkins past	D. G. M.

For the Master's Lodge		
John Box . . .	M. pro. tempore	Brought Expences
Job Wheelwright .	S. W.	£0 ,, 18 ,, —
Andrew Johonnett	J. W.	
For the 1st Lodge		
Joseph Gardner	M. pro. tempore	
Thomas Fleet . .	J. W.	. . ,, 18 ,, —
For the 2d Lodge		
William Jackson	M. pro. tempore	. . ,, 18 ,, —
Thomas Brown,	S. W.	
		£2 ,, 14 ,, —
Brother Samuel Fitch Esqr came in after the Gr. Lodge was formed.	Reckoning	1 ,, 12 ,, 10
	Paid the Gr Treasr	£1 ,, 1 ,, 2

This Night being the Annual Time for the choice of Grand Officers, Our Right Worshipful Grand Master, was pleased to appoint the Rt Worshipful Bror Richard Gridley Esqr to be Deputy Grand Master, for the ensuing Year.

Also, he appointed the Rt Worshipful Bror Archibald McNeill to be Senior Grand Warden for the ensuing Year, and the Rt Worshipful Bror John Cutler to be Junr Grand Warden for the Year ensuing.

The Grand Master was by a Vote of this Grand Lodge, continued Grand Treasurer till the Grand Lodge next preceeding the Festival of St John the Baptist next ensuing. And the Rt Worshipful Abraham Savage was appointed by the Grand Master to be Grand Secretary for the Year ensuing.

A Motion was made for a Committee to inspect the Grand Treasurer's Accts and all Demands on the Grand Lodge; And Brors Richard Gridley Esqr Samuel Fitch Esqr and Robert Jenkins were chosen for that Purpose.

It was Moved, Seconded, and unanimously Voted, That the Committee for Adjusting the Grand Treasurer's Accompts, be empowered to Settle and Adjust all Accompts relating to the

Expences of the late Installation; and when they are Adjusted, are to be Reported to the Grand Master, who will thereupon call a Special Grand Lodge to approve and Order Payment of what may be due to any one on the foregoing Account.

Voted, That there be Granted and paid to Bro^r Savage Grand Secretary out of the Stock of the Grand Lodge, Six Pounds Lawful Money for his Services to this Lodge the Year Past.

Voted, That a Grant of Six Dollars be paid out of the Grand Lodge's Stock to Bro^r Bartholemew Green, Tyler for his Attendance the Year past.

A Petition was read, from Sundry Brethren living at Falmouth in Casco Bay, Praying for a renewal of the Deputation formerly granted to Alexander Ross Esqr now deceased, on which Account they reccommend William Tyng Esqr High Sherriff of the County of Cumberland for their Master; After a proper enquiry into the Circumstances of the Petitioners it was agreed that the Prayer of said Petition be granted.

It was Moved and Voted that the Petitioners aforesaid be excused paying the customary three Guineas for their Constitution, provided they will make it appear that their former Constitution was paid for; and that they send up a Copy of said Constitution to the Grand Secretary forthwith to be Recorded.

All the Lodges under this Jurisdiction were called over in the usual Manner when none Appeared for, or sent anything for Charity but those of the three Lodges in Boston, a list of the whole see Page 112.

The Petition above mentioned.

To the Right Worshipful John Rowe Esqr Provincial Grand Master of Masons for North America.

The Petition of the Subscribers, humbly Sheweth. That we your Petitioners have this day met to celebrate the Festival of St John: We have hitherto been destitute of a Lodge in this Town. Upon an application made some year ago, our late R^t Worshipful Grand Master, granted a Deputation to our lately deceased Brother, Alexander Ross Esqr but his business being great, and his infirmities greater, prevented his opening a Lodge. We now humbly beg that a new Deputation may be granted. The principle Motive of our meeting togather this day is to unite in this Petition. We also beg leave to recommend our Brother William Tyng Esqr as a suitable person to preside over us as Master.

We shall always contribute according to our Abilities to the Support of the Grand Lodge, and we shall endeavour to make a true and perfect Lodge, by shewing Mankind we live in Brotherly Love.

We heartily congratulate our Brethren upon the happy choice, our Right Worshipful Grand Master of England, has been pleased to make, in appointing you Provincial Grand Master of America, and felicitate ourselves with the prospect of your continuing in

that important Station for many Years to come. That it may be the Case, Your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever Pray, &c.:

RICHARD CODMAN.
JOHN LOWTHER.
JOHN ROSS.
SAMUEL MOODY.
ARTHUR HOWELL.
JEDIDIAH PREBLE.
WILLIAM CAMPBELL.
THOMAS OXNARD.
JOHN GREENWOOD.
JOSHUA MOODY.
JOHN PERKINS.

Certificate to prove their former Deputation was paid for.

FALMOUTH February 18, 1769.

We the Subscribers being chosen a Committee by the Masons in this Town waited upon Mrs Ross, who acquainted us that Alexander Ross Esqr told her he had paid for a Deputation to be Master of a Lodge in Falmouth, and that she lately saw a receipt for, (as she thinks) four Guineas and an half, but at present she can't find said Receipt.

JEDIDIAH PREBLE.
JOHN ROSS.

COPY OF THEIR FORMER DEPUTATION.

[SEAL] *Jer. Gridley G. M.*

To all and Every Our Right Worshipful and loving Brethren, Free and Accepted Masons, now residing, or that may hereafter reside in Falmouth in the County of Cumberland, within the Province of Massachusetts Bay. The Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr Provincial Grand Master of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in North America,

SENDETH GREETING.

Whereas, Application hath been made unto us by several Brethren of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, now residing at Falmouth aforesaid, that we would be pleased to Constitute them into a Regular Lodge that Masonry may encrease and Florish in those Parts,

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE.

That We have nominated, Ordained Constituted and appointed, our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brother Alexander Ross Esqr to be the first Master of the Lodge at Falmouth aforesaid, and do hereby impower him to Congregate the Brethren togather, and Form them into a Regular Lodge: He taking special Care in choosing two Wardens and other Officers necessary for the due

regulation thereof, for one Year, at the end whereof, the Lodge shall have Power to choose and appoint their Master and other Officers, and so Annually, the Master and Wardens for the Time being, taking Special Care that all and every Member admitted into said Lodge from Time to Time, have been or shall be made Regular Masons, and that they do cause all and every Regulations contained in the Printed Book of Constitutions, (except such as have been or may be Repealed at any Quarterly Communication or other General Meeting in London) to be kept and Observed, as also all such other Rules and Instructions, as shall be from Time to Time Transmitted to them by Us, or our Deputy, or the Grand Master or his Deputy for the Time being, and that they do Annually send an Account in Writing to us or our Deputy, or the Grand Master or his Deputy for the Time being, of the Names of the Members of said Lodge, and their Place of abode, with the days and Place of Meeting, with any other things which they may think proper to communicate for the Benefit of their Lodge, and that they do send Two Guineas for their Constitution to be paid into the Stock of the Grand Lodge in Boston, and further that they do Annually keep or cause to be kept, the Feast of St John the Baptist and Dine togather on that Day, or near that Day as shall be judged most convenient, and lastly that they do regularly Communicate with the Grand Lodge in Boston, by sending to the Quarterly Communication, such Charity as their Lodge shall think fit, for the relief of poor Brethren, as also three Guineas to be remitted to the Grand Lodge in London.

Given under our Hand and Seal this 20th day of March, A.D. 1762, and of Masonry 5762.

By the Grand Master's Command	Robert Jenkins	D. G. M.
	John Box	S. G. W.
Edmund Quincy G: Secry	Robt Williams	J. G. W.

Right Worshipfull
Brother John Rowe Esqr

We the Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Holy Lodge of St Johns in this Town of Portsmouth beg leave to Salute you, with our most respectfull Compliments of Congratulations on the Signal favour with which our most noble and Right Worshipful Brother and Grand Master his Grace John Duke of Beaufort has been pleased to honour you, in committing the important Charge of Deputy Grand Master over all the Lodges in North America: We are wanting in Words to express our Gratitude to our Noble Brother who has thus graciously condesended to appoint a Gentleman of your known and distinguished Character to be the Representative of his most Noble Person: Big with Expectance that the Cause of Masonry will find peculiar Protection under your Patronage, and we hope soon to see the Principles of Virtue and Morality warmly inculcated among the Brethren in America, by

your setting them such examples as shall creat an Emulation among them to exceed each other in Acting upon the Square with all Mankind, and Illustrating to the World that Unity, Love and Friendship is the Cement of our Society.

We should have Esteem'd it an Additional Honor done this Lodge if we had been Consulted with, and had joined with our other Brethren in your Election, but the Respect which we are determined to shew the Deputy Grand Master of America at all times shall be as Conspicuous as that of any Brethren whatever. We would request some Tokens of your regard for us, and thrice heartily Greeting you we remain with great esteem

Right Worshipful Brother
Your Affectionate Brethren
The Master and Wardens
of St John's Lodge in Portsmouth.
Sign'd ꝑ Order

Portsmouth 16th Febry 5769. JNO MARSH Secry

[SEAL] *John Rowe G. M.*

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful, and loving Brethren, Free and Accepted Masons, now residing, or that may hereafter reside in Falmouth in the County of Cumberland, within the Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England: We John Rowe Esqr Provincial Grand Master of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for all North America, where no other Grand Master is Appointed,

SENDETH GREETING.

Whereas, Application hath been made unto us by several Brethren Free and Accepted Masons now residing at Falmouth aforesaid; Setting forth that a Deputation was granted by the late Right Worshipfull Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master of North America, to the late Alexander Ross Esqr for Congregating all Free and Accepted Masons in Falmouth aforesaid, and to form them into a Regular Lodge; but said Deputation never taking Effect by reason of the many Avocations and Infirmities of the said Alexander Ross Esqr; Therefore, Praying that a new Deputation may be granted by us, to Constitute them into a Regular Lodge, and to appoint William Tyng Esqr to be their first Master:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE, That We of the great Trust, Power and Authority reposed in us by his Grace, the Right Worshipful Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort &c: Grand Master of Masons, have Nominated and Appointed our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brother, William Tyng Esqr to be the first Master of the Lodge at Falmouth aforesaid, and do hereby impower him to Congregate the Brethren togather, and form them into a Regular Lodge, he taking special Care that all and every Member thereof,

and all Transcient Persons admitted therein, have been, or shall be Regular made Masons:

And that he appoint two Wardens and other Officers to a Lodge Appertaining, for the due Regulation thereof, for one Year, at the end of which, said Lodge shall have Power to choose and appoint a new Master, who shall Nominate the Wardens and other Officers &c: for the ensuing Year, and so Annually: And, We do hereby give to said Lodge all the Privelidges and Authority of Stated Lodges; Requiring them to observe all and every of the Regulations, contained in the Printed Book of Constitutions (except such as have been or may be Repealed at any Quarterly Communication or other General Meeting of the Grand Lodge in London) to be kept and observed, as also all such other Rules and Instructions, as shall be from Time to Time transmitted to them by us or our Deputy, or the Grand Master or his Deputy for the Time being, and that they do Annually send an Account in Writing to us or our Deputy or either of our Successors, of the Names of the Members of said Lodge, and their Place of Abode, with the Days and Place of Meeting, with any other Things they may think proper to Communicate for the benefit of their Lodge, and that they do send three Guineas for their Constitution to be paid to the Grand Secretary in Boston, in Order that they may be enroll'd in the List of Lodges in the Grand Lodge in London, and further that they do Annually keep the Feast of St John the Baptist or St John the Evangelist or both, and Dine togather on said Day or Days, or as near either of them as shall be most convenient, and lastly that they do regularly Communicate with the Grand Lodge in Boston, by sending to the Quarterly Communication such Charity as their Lodge shall think fit for the Relief of Poor Brethren, with the Names of those that Contributed the same, that in case any such may come to Want Relief, they may have the Preference to others.

Given under our Hand, and Seal of Masonry, at Boston this thirtieth Day of March, Anno Domini, One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine: and of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine.

By the Grand Master's Command,	Richard Gridley,	D. G. M.
Arrm Savage Gr. Secy	Archd McNeill,	S. G. W.
	Jno Cutler,	J. G. W.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 28th of April 5769.

Present.

Rt Worsl Richd Gridley Esqr,	D. G. M. as G. M.
Henry Price Esqr,	past G. M.
Robert Jenkins	past D. G. M.

John Box	past G. W.
Arch^{d} McNeill	S. G. W.
John Cutler	J. G. W.
Abr^{m} Savage	G. S. & as M. 1st L.

Masters Lodge

Job Wheelwright	S. W.
James Jackson,	as J. W.

First Lodge,

Thomas Fleet	J. W.

Second Lodge

Samuel Fitch Esqr	M.
Thomas Brown,	S. W.
John Box Jun:	as J. W.

. . John Barrett of Wallinsgford in Connecticutt.

The choice of a Grand Treasurer (in the room of the R^{t} Worshipful John Rowe Esqr G. Master,) being moved for, agreeable to Vote of the Grand Lodge See Page 164, The R^{t} Worsh^{l} Bro^{r} Doc^{r} Joseph Gardner was Nominated, and being ballotted for agreeable to the Constitutions, he was unanimously chosen for the ensuing Year.

The Lodge agreed that the Festival of St John the Baptist should be Celebrated on Saturday the 24th of June next, and Voted that there be three Stewards appointed to Contract for, and Regulate said Feast, and Bro^{r} Arch^{d} McNeill Bro^{r} John Cutler and Bro^{r} Thomas Brown were appointed for that Purpose.

It was Voted that the Committee chosen in January Grand Lodge, be continued to finally settle the Accompts of the Grand Lodge, and State the Ballance of Stock, to be delivered over to the new Grand Treasurer.

Bro^{r} Price past Grand Master laid before the Lodge, a Letter and sundry other Papers, he received from the Grand Secretary in England, and it was moved and agreed to, that a Committee of the oldest Masons be chosen, to consider of the same, and report their Opinion of said Papers at the next Grand Lodge: Voted, That this Committee consist of Seven, and Bro^{r} Richard Gridley, Bro^{r} John Box, Bro^{r} Samuel Fitch, Bro^{r} Robert Jenkins, Bro^{r} Hugh McDaniell, Bro^{r} Joseph Gardner, and Bro^{r} Archibald M^{c}-Neal were chosen. Any five of the foregoing to be a Quorum, who have full Power to act as the whole.

A Petition of Sundry Brethren, living in Wallingsford in the Colony of Connecticutt, was read; they Praying for a Deputation to form them into a Lodge, for the reasons therein mentioned; whereupon it was resolved to reccomend them to the Grand Master (now absent) for a Constitution.

All the Lodges within this Jurisdiction were call'd over, (a list of them see Page 112) none appearing for any of them, but the Lodges in Boston.

Masters Lodge sent for Expences. . .	£0 ,, 18 ,, —
First Lodge sent for Ditto . . .	0 ,, 18 ,, —
Second Lodge sent for Ditto . . .	0 ,, 18 ,, —
	£2 ,, 14 ,, —
Reckoning . . .	1 . 8 ,, 3¼
Ball^e paid Gr Treas^r . .	1 ,, 5 ,, 8¾

To the Right Worshipful John Rowe Esqr Provincial Grand Master of Masons in the Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England, and Deputy Grand Master for all such places in North America where no other Grand Master is appointed.

This Petition humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners having an Ardent desire to promote the Honour and Interest of so ancient and Honourable a Science as that of Free Masonry, and living at a great Distance from any Lodge, so that we cannot consistant with our Reason or Interest attend,

Our humble Request is, That a Deputation from under your Hand may be granted us, for the erecting of a Lodge in the Town of Wallingsford in Connecticutt, where we your Petitioners Reside, and that our Trusty friend and well beloved Brother John Barrett, be the first Master of said Lodge: We your Petitioners promising to pay a Strickt Attention to the Laws and Rules of Masonry, according to its Constitution, and we as in Duty bound shall ever Pray,

Wallingsford in Connecticutt 24th February 1769.

Epaphras Nott.	Macock Ward.
Josiah Robinson.	Samuel Holt.
Robert Byinton.	Elnathan Street.
Amos Ball.	Hezekiah Johnson.
Samuel Tyler.	Daniel Whitney.
Samuel Cook.	Levi Comstock.
Jonathan Barns.	John Webster.

[Seal] *John Rowe G. M.*

To all and every our R^t Worshipful and Loving Brethren, Free and Accepted Masons now Residing or that may hereafter Reside at Wallingsford in the Colony of Connecticutt in New England. We John Rowe Esqr Provincial Grand Master of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, for all North America where no other Grand Master is appointed,

SENDETH GREETING.

Whereas, Application hath been made unto us by several Brethren Free and Accepted Masons now residing at Wallingsford aforesaid, Setting forth, that they (living at a considerable distance from any Regular Lodge,) are deprived of the benefits of Masonry on that Account: Therefore Praying that We would Constitute them into a Regular Lodge, and appoint our Bro^r Mr John Barrett to be their first Master.

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE. That We of the great Trust, Power and Authority, reposed in us by his Grace the Most Worshipful Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort &c. Grand Master of Masons, have Constituted and Appointed our R^t Worshipful and well beloved Brother Mr John Barrett to be the first Master of the Lodge at Wallingsford aforesaid, and do hereby impower him to Congregate the Brethren togather, and form them into a Regular Lodge, he taking special Care that all and every Member thereof, and all Trancient Persons admitted therein have been, or shall be regular made Masons: And that he appoint two Wardens and other Officers to a Lodge Appertaining for the due Regulation of said Lodge for one Year, at the end of which he shall Nominate a new Master to be approved by the Lodge, at least two thirds of the Members in his favour, and said new Master shall Nominate and Appoint two Wardens and a Secretary for the ensuing Year, also a Treasurer, who must have the Votes of two thirds of the Members in his favour; And so the same Course Annually. And We do hereby give to said Lodge all the Priveledges and Authority of other Regular Lodges; Requiring them to observe all and every of the Regulations, contained in the Printed Book of Constitutions (except such as have been, or may be repealed at any Quarterly Communication or other General Meeting of the Grand Lodge in London,) to be kept and Observed, as also all such other Rules and Instructions as may from Time to Time be transmitted to them by Us, or our Deputy, or Successors to either for the Time being: And that they do Annually send an Account in Writing to Us or our Deputy, or Successors to either of Us for the Time being, of the Names of the Members of said Lodge, and their Place of Abode, with the Days and Place of meeting, with any other things they may think proper to Communicate for the benefit of Masonry; and that they do Annually keep the Feast of St John the Baptist or St John the Evangelist, or both, and Dine togather on said Day or Days, or as near either of them as shall be most convenient, and lastly that they do Regularly Communicate with the Grand Lodge in Boston, by sending to the Quarterly Communication such Charity as their Lodge shall think fit, for the relief of Poor Brethren, with the Names of those that Contributed the same, that in case any such may come to want Relief, they may have the preference to Others.

Given under our Hand & Seal of Masonry, at Boston the 1st day of May A.D. 1769 and of Masonry 5769.

Richard Gridley. D. G. M.
By the Grand Master's Command Archd McNeill. S. G. W.
Abrm Savage Gr Secy John Cutler. J. G. W.

Saturday June 24th 5769.

Being the Festival of St John the Baptist, the same was Celebrated at the House of Mr Edward Bardin, The Kings Arms (formerly the George) Tavern on Boston Neck, when were present the following Brethren. Viz.

R W. John Rowe Esqr	G. M.
Richard Gridley Esqr	D. G. M.
Archibald McNeill	S. G. W.
John Cutler	J. G. W.
Joseph Gardner	G. T.
Abraham Savage	G. S.
Henry Price Esqr	past G. M.
Hugh McDaniell	past D. G. M.
John Box	past G. W.
Samuel Fitch Esqr	M. 2d L.
Job Wheelwright	S. W. M. L.
William Hickling.	S. W. 1st L.
Thomas Fleet	J. W. 1st L.
Thomas Brown	S. W. 2d L.
James Jackson,	J. W. 2d L.
William Jones,	S. M. L.
Joseph Russell,	T. 1st L.

John Box Junr,
John Joy,
Benja Loring,
Bartholw Stavers,
Joseph Webb,
Joseph Ingersoll,
Benja Jackson,
Thomas Knight,
Nathl Balch,
John Marston,
William Lee Perkins,
Timothy Folger,
William Coffin,
Phillip Dumaresq,
Revd Nathl Cotton,
Edward Carnes,
Joseph Henderson,
George Hartland Hartley,
William Gooch,
John Head,
Caleb Blanchard,
Richard Palms,
James Sheppard,
John Hitch,
Peter Roberts,
Richard Clarke,
Henry Simpson,
Benjamin Leigh,
John Almon,

Expence 9/4 L. M. each.

FRIDAY July 28th 5769.

Being Grand Lodge Night or the Quarterly Communication in Course. The Right Worshipf[l] Grand Master took into Consideration, (that as there was no Special Business to transact, and the Weather being extream Warm,) whether it was expedient for the Grand Lodge to Meet; when he determined by the Advice and Consent of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Wardens to defer the Assembling of the Grand Lodge till the fourth Friday in October next which will be the Stated Time of Meeting for the next Quarter, unless a Special Occasion should require their Meeting sooner.

WEDNESDAY August 9th 1769.

Last Saturday Night, departed this Life for a better, after a long Series of Misfortunes and Infirmities, that truly Upright, Faithful, Good Man, The Right Worshipful Cap[t] James Forbes, who in the early Days of Masonry in America was initiated into the Mysteries of the Craft, was in July 5753 promoted to the Degree of Grand Warden, and in January 5756 to that of Deputy Grand Master: After he had passed through those Offices, (which he discharged with that Steadiness and Prudence, as did Honour to himself and great Service to Masonry,) he was in April 5757, Appointed Grand Treasurer, which Office he held several Years to great Acceptance, till his misfortunes in Business obliged him to shut up; Notwithstanding which, he restored the Lodges Stock entire to the new Grand Treasurer appointed upon his failing; which conduct argued his Love of the Society, in preference to the rest of the World. From a due Sense of his Integrity in the several Trusts reposed in him, his unblemished Name among Mankind, and the Respect due to him as a past Grand Officer: By Order of the Grand Master, as many of the Brethren as could conveniently be collected, were desired to attend his Funeral, with white Aprons and Gloves: Accordingly, about forty of the Brethren assembled at the Royal Exchange Tavern Yesterday Afternoon, about four o'Clock, and waited there till the Corps was brought out, when they proceeded in Procession, after the Manner usual at Funerals, dressed in all the rich Jewels belonging to the several Offices in Masonry, and so Marched in that Manner before the Corps to the Burial Ground; when arrived at the Gate the Brethren formed a Lane to let the remaining Procession pass through: When the Interrment was over they returned in the same Order before the Relations of the deceased; after seeing them home, the Brethren returned to the Exchange Tavern to deposite the Jewels and Cloathing, and then were dismissed.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication, held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in King Street Boston on Friday the 27th of October 5769.

Present.

Rt Worshipful Richard Gridley Esqr	D. G. M. as G. M.
Archibald McNeill	S. G. W.
John Cutler,	J. G. W.
Joseph Gardner,	G. T.
Abraham Savage,	G. S.
Robert Jenkins	past D. G. M.

For the Masters Lodge
John Box . . . as M.
John Box junr . . as J. W.

For the 1st Lodge
John Joy . . . as M.
Thomas Fleet . . as S. W.

For the 2d Lodge
Thomas Brown, . as S. W.

The Committee appointed to Adjust the late Grand Treasurer's Accts being not Ripe for a Report, it was put off till next Quarterly Communication, to receive such Report.

All the Lodges within this Jurisdiction were called over in the usual Manner; No one appearing for any of them except those of Boston as before mentioned: The Grand Master mentioned a proposal of Brother Levi Jennings to him: that he the said Jennings having a large Commodious Room in his House, would offer it to the several Lodges for their better Accommodation.

After debating some time on said Proposal, it was agreed to appoint a Committee to View said Room, and hear Brother Jennings's Proposals, which they are to Report to this Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication. whereupon Bror Joy, Bror Savage and Brother Cutler were duly Chosen for that Purpose.

It was Motioned that the Festival of St John the Evangelist should be Celebrated as usual, which was agreed to unanimously, and Bror Joy, Bror Cutler and Bror Fleet, were appointed Stewards for regulating said Feast.

Recd from the several Lodges	£ 2 ,, 14 ,, —
Expences	1 ,, 14 ,, 8
Paid the Treas	£ 0 ,, 19 ,, 4

Wednesday December 27th 5769.

Being the Festival of St John the Evangelist, the same was Celebrated at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, where were present the following Brethren, Viz.

John Rowe Esqr	G. M.
Richard Gridley Esqr	D. G M.
Arch^{ld} McNeill	S. G. W.
John Cutler,	J. G. W.
Joseph Gardner	G. T.
Abr^{m} Savage	G. S.
John Box	past G.
Edmund Quincy jun^{r}	Officers.
Samuel Fitch Esqr	M. M. L.
Benj^{a} Loring	J. W. M. L.
John Joy	M. 1st L.
Thomas Fleet	S. W. D^{o}
Thomas Knight	J. W.
William Jackson	M. 2^{d} L.
Job Prince	S. W. D^{o}
Edward Carnes	J. W. D^{o}
William Jones	S. 2^{d} L.
Matthew Hutchins	S. 1st L.

Thomas Brown	Samuel Swift Esqr
Lewis Gray,	William Coffin jun^{r}
John Box jun^{r}	Edwd Smith, of the Beavor,
Job Wheelwright,	James Dundass, of the Rose,
Joseph Russell,	Capt Coppithorne
Benjamin Jackson	Michael Hanna
Robert Williams	Phillip Dumaresque
Richard Palmes	John Marston
Benjamin Barnard	Samuel Calef
Joseph Callender	John Blake
James Otis Esqr	Peter Roberts.

Expence £3.11.6 each.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication, held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in King Street Boston, on Friday the 26th day of January 5770.

Present.

R^{t} Worshipfull Richard Gridley Esqr	D. G. M. as	G. M.
R. W. . . . Henry Price Esqr		P. G. M.
R. W. . . . Robert Jenkins		P. D. G. M.
R. W. . . . Archibald McNeill		S. G. W.
R. W. . . . John Cutler		J. G. W.
R. W. . . . Abraham Savage		G. S.

For the Master's Lodge

John Box . .	P. G. W as M.	bro^{t} Exp^{e}	. £0 ,, 18 ,, —
Thomas Brown . .	as S. W.		
Benjamin Loring . . .	J. W.		

For the First Lodge			
John Joy	M.	bro^t Expences . .	,, 18 ,, —
Thomas Fleet	S. W.		
Thomas Knight . . .	J. W.		
For the Second Lodge			
William Jackson . . .	M.	bro^t Expences . .	,, 18 ,, —
Job Prince	S. W.		
Edward Carnes . . .	J. W.		
			£2 ,, 14 ,, —
and Bro^r John Box jun^r		Reckoning	2 ,, 4 ,, 6½
		Paid Grand Treas^r	£0 ,, 9 ,, 5½

This Night being the Annual Season for the Choice of Grand Officers. The Right Worshipful Grand Master being Absent, The R^t Worshipful Bro^r Richard Gridley Esqr was appointed to serve in the Office of Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing Year, by the Right Worshipful Bro^r Henry Price Esqr past Grand Master, then in the Lodge.

Then the R^t Worshipful Deputy Grand Master appointed the R^t Worshipful Archibald McNeill to continue in the Office of Senior Grand Warden, and the R^t Worshipful John Cutler to continue as Junior Grand Warden for the ensuing Year: He also appointed the R^t Worshipful Abraham Savage Grand Secretary to continue in that Office for the ensuing Year, and the R^t Worshipful Bro^r Joseph Gardner being Nominated by the Deputy Grand Master to be Grand Treasurer, being Voted for in the usual Manner, was unanimously chosen to serve in that Office the ensuing Year: And Bro^r Benjamin Homans was appointed Tyler to the Grand Lodge & the other Lodges in Boston for the ensuing Year. Voted, That four Dollars be paid to Brother Bartholomew Green, past Tyler of this Grand Lodge, in full for his Attendance the Year past.

On a Motion, that some Relief be granted by this Lodge to Bro^r Hugh McDaniell to clear him entirely from his Debts, which amount to about Twenty Pounds Lawful Money, the R^t Worshipful Bro^r Price generously Offered to pay Five Pounds Lawful Money towards the discharge of said Twenty Pounds, which was gratefully Accepted by the Grand Lodge, and they thereupon Voted, that the further sum of Five Pounds Lawful Money be granted and paid by this Grand Lodge out of their Stock towards discharging said Debts.

Two Applications were made to this Grand Lodge for Charity. Viz^t: One from Alexander Brigsford, and the other from Jane Leadbetter, Widow of Thomas Leadbetter deceased, but as neither Brigsford nor the deceased Leadbetter were known (as Masons) to this Grand Lodge, it was Voted to dismiss both those Applications.

A Letter from the Grand Secretary of Masons in England was read, acquainting this Grand Lodge of a design to incorporate the Lodges in England and elsewhere, who hold under the Grand Master of England, into a Legal Corporation; The Question being put whether this Grand Lodge approve of the design? It was unanimously Voted that it was agreeable to every Member.

It was Moved, that the Expences of two Packets (directed to the Rt Worshipful Brotr Henry Price Esqr from the Grand Lodge in England, for the use of this Lodge) be refunded to him. The Question upon the Motion being put, it was unanimously Granted, Amounting to Three pounds, three shillings & Six pence half penny Lawful Money.

The Committee to Adjust the late Grand Treasurer's Accompts not being ready to Report, the said Report was postponed till next Quarterly Communication.

The Committee appointed to View Brotr Jennings's Room, reported what they had done in that Affair; also Reported they had been to View Concert Hall, and conferr'd with Mr Turner its present Occupier about it; It was agreed that the terms of both Brotr Jennings and Mr Turner about their respective Rooms would not Suit the Circumstances of the Lodges at this Time.

All the Lodges within this Jurisdiction were called over in the usual Manner, no one appearing for any of them, but for the Lodges in Boston as before Mentioned.

Boston, April 3d 5770. Last Thursday Morning, departed this Transitory Life (we hope for a better) The Right Worshipful Capt Hugh McDaniel past Deputy Grand Master of Masons for North America, he join'd this Rt Worshipful Society in the Year 1736 and from the Respect the Fraternity bore him, he was promoted to be Deputy Grand Master in June 1737; He was at all times a Zealous Brother, and shewed himself such, in his readiness to relieve the distress'd, of what denomination soever; in the latter part of his Life his Circumstances were greatly reduced, owing to misfortunes in Trade, Lenity to Debtors, and as far as he could keeping open his wonted bountiful hand to all who asked his Assistance.

His Funeral was attended by the Grand Officers, Officers & Brethren of the Lodges in Boston, who walked in Funeral Procession before the Body according to the Custom of Masons, he was respectfully followed by a number of respectable People of the Town, and was interr'd in the burial Ground of the Kings Chapel last Evening the 2d Instant after which the brethren return'd to Brotr Cutlers to deposite the Cloathing and Jewels &c.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in King Street Boston on Friday the 27th day of April 5770.

Present.

Rt Worshipful Richard Gridley Esqr		D. G. M. as G. M.
Archibald McNeill . . .		S. G. W.
John Cutler		J. G. W.
Abraham Savage . . .		G. S.
Robert Jenkins		past D. G. M.
John Box		past G. W.

For the Master's Lodge			
John Box junr	as M.	brot Expences	£0 ,, 18 ,,
Thomas Brown,	as S. W.		
Benjamin Loring	J. W.		
For the First Lodge			
John Joy	M.	brot Expences	,, 18 ,, 0
Thomas Fleet	S. W.		
Thomas Knight . . .	J. W.		
For the second Lodge			
William Jackson . . .	M.	brot Expences	,, 18 ,, 0
			£2 ,, 14 ,, 0
Reckoning			1 ,, 8 ,, 3¼
Paid Grand Treasr			£1 ,, 5 ,, 8¾

All the Lodges within this Jurisdiction were called over in the usual Manner, when no one appeared for any of them, except those of Boston, above mentioned.

It was moved that the Festival of St John the Baptist be celebrated in the usual Manner. The Question being put, it was unanimously agreed to: and Bror Cutler, Brother Joy & Bror Fleet were appointed Stewards of said Feast.

Sunday June 24th 1770.

Being the Festival of St John the Baptist, the same was celebrated on Tuesday the 26th day of said Month at the Grey-hound Tavern in Roxbury where were present the following Brethren. Viz.

John Rowe Esqr	G. M.
Henry Price Esqr	past G. M.
Richard Gridley Esqr	D. G. M.

Robert Jenkins	past D. G. M.
John Box	past G. W.
Archibald M^c^Neill	S. G. W.
John Cutler	J. G. W.
Abraham Savage	G. S.
John Joy	M. 1st L.
Benj^a^ Loring	J. W. M. L.
Thomas Fleet	S. W. 1st L.
Thomas Knight	J. W. 1st L.
Job Prince	S. W. 2^d^ L.
Edward Carnes	J. W. 2^d^ L.
Matthew Hutchins	S. 1st L.
William Jones	S. 2^d^ L.

Henry Leddell	Peter Roberts
William Burbeck	Benjamin Jackson,
Thomas Walley,	Howard Jacobson,
Ezekiel Price	Jacob M^c^Daniell
Joseph Russell	Henry Bowers,
Thomas Brown	William Turner
Joseph Webb,	Mungo Mackey
John Box jun^r^	John Foster Williams
John Marston.	John Munroe
Phillip Dumaresque,	Capt de Silviere
Daniel M^c^Carthy	John Briant
Lewis Gray,	Richard Clarke
George Spooner,	Hulda [Holder] Slocum
Christopher Prince.	Thomas Bracketts. 46.
Nathaniel Patten.	Expence £2 ,, 16 ,, Old Ten^r^
William Barrell,	each.

FRIDAY July 24th 5770, being the Time for the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication to meet, the same was put off by order of the Grand Master, on Account of the heat of the Weather, and no pressing business to be transacted; till the Stated Time in October next.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 26th day of October, 5770.

Present.

The R^t^ Worshipful Robert Jenkins past D. G. M. as G. M.
Archibald M^c^Neill, S. G. W.
John Cutler, J. G. W.
Abraham Savage G. S.
John Box past Gr Warden Bro^r^ Alwine Treas^r^ of Quebeck Lodge, & Bro^r^ John Box jun^r^

For the Masters Lodge

Samuel Fitch Esqr	M
Andrew Johonnett	S. W.
Benjamin Loring, ...	J. W.

For the First Lodge,

John Joy	M.
Thomas Fleet	S. W.
Thomas Knight	J. W.

For the Second Lodge,

Job Wheelwright	M. pro temp^{r}
Job Prince	S. W.
Edward Carnes	J. W.

All the Lodges within this Jurisdiction were called over in Course, according to Seniority; when no one appeared for any of them, except from those in Boston as above mentioned.

Bro^{r} Savage proposed that the Festival of St John the Evangelist be Celebrated as usual; which the Lodge unanimously agreed to; and Bro^{r} Cutler, Bro^{r} Carnes & Bro^{r} Prince, were nominated by the R^{t} Worshipful Gr Master in the Chair, and approved by the Lodge, as Stewards for this Feast.

Master's Lodge sent for Expences	£0 ,, 18 ,, 0
First Lodge sent for Expences	,, 18 ,, 0
Second Lodge sent for Expences	,, 18 ,, 0
	£2 ,, 14 ,,—
Expences of Meeting	2 ,, 6 ,, 9½
Paid the Grand Treasurer,	£0 ,, 7 ,, 2½

Thursday December 27th 5770.

Being the Festival of St John the Evangelist, the same was Celebrated at the house of Bro^{r} Ingersoll, the Bunch of Grapes, in Boston, where were present the following Brethren. Viz^{t}

John Rowe Esqr . . .	G. M.
Henry Price Esqr . .	past G. M.
Richard Gridley Esqr .	D. G. M.
Arch^{ld} McNeill	S. G. W.
John Cutler	J. G. W.
Abr^{m} Savage, ...	G. S.
Saml Fitch Esqr . . .	M. M. L.
Thomas Brown, . . .	M. 2^{d} L.
Benj^{a} Loring	S. W. M. L.
Job Prince	J. W. M. L.

Thomas Knight . . .	S W. 1st L.
William Gooch	J. W. 1st L.
Edward Carnes . . .	S. W. 2d L.
William Jones	J. W. 2d L.
Matthew Hutchins . . .	S. 1st L.
John Gray	S. 2d L.

Thomas Fleet	Joseph Callender	
Joseph Russell,	Phillip Dumaresque	
Lewis Gray,	William Turner,	
Mr Alwine.	David Propert,	
Joseph Goldthwait.	John Blake	
Job Wheelwright.	Joseph Henderson	
John Perkins.	James Selkrigg	
Richard Palmes	Richard Clarke	
Benjamin Barnard,	Peter Roberts,	
William Barrell	Samuel Torrey,	38
Shubael Hewes	Expence to each £3 ,, 16 ,, —	
Paschal Nelson Smith	Old Tenr	

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 25th day of January 5771.—

Present.

Rt Worshipful Archibald McNeill, S. G. W.	as G. Mar	
John Box past G. W.	as S. G. W.	
John Cutler	J. G.W.	
Abraham Savage,	G.S.	

For the Master's Lodge

Samuel Fitch Esqr .	M.	brot Expe	£ 0 ,, 18,,
Benjamin Loring . .	S. W.		
Job Prince	J. W.		

For the 1st Lodge

John Joy	M.	brot Expe	0 ,, 18 ,,
Thomas Knight . .	S. W.		
Thomas Fleet . .	as J. W.		

For the 2d Lodge

Thomas Brown . .	M.	brot Expe . .	0 ,, 18 ,,
Edward Carnes . .	S. W.		
William Jones . .	J. W.		
John Box junr			£ 2 ,, 14 ,,
Expences of Meeting			2 ,, — ,,
Balance			£ ,, 14 ,,

This being the Season for Electing new Grand Officers, the R^t Worshipful Bro^r Richard Gridley Esqr (was nominated and appointed by the Grand Master Present) to be Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing Year.

The R^t Worshipful John Cutler Junr Grand Warden was constituted Senior Grand Warden, and the R^t Worshipful Abraham Savage, Grand Secretary was constituted Junior Grand Warden for the ensuing Year.

The R^t Worshipful Doc^r Joseph Gardner was again Nominated and Ballotted in Grand Treasurer for the ensuing Year.

And the Right Worshipful Thomas Brown, Master of the second Lodge was appointed Grand Secretary for the ensuing Year.

Voted, that there be granted and paid to Bro^r Abr^m Savage the last Grand Secretary out of the Stock of the Grand Lodge, Six pounds Lawful Money as an acknowledgement for his past Services to this Lodge.

Bro^r Savage being made acquainted with the foregoing Vote, generously declined accepting said Grant.

Voted, That the Thanks of this Lodge be given Bro^r Savage, for his great and good Services done this Lodge, as Grand Secretary for several Years past, and also for his generosity in declining to Accept the above Voted Grant. Bro^r Benjamin Homans was appointed Tyler for the Year ensuing.

Voted, That a Grant of four Dollars be paid out of the Grand Lodge's Stock to Bro^r Benjamin Homans, Tyler for his Attendance the Year past.

A Motion was made & seconded, that there be an addition to the Committee appointed to Adjust the late Grand Treasurer's Accompts. Wherefore, Voted that Brother John Box and Bro^r Job Prince be added to said Committee for that Purpose.

All the Lodges within this Jurisdiction were called over, none appearing for any of them, but those in Boston as above. —

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 26th day of April 5771.

Present.

R^t Worshipful Richard Gridley Esqr	D. G. M.	as G. Master.
Robert Jenkins.	past D. G. M.	
John Box	past G. W.	
Abraham Savage	J. G. W.	
John Cutler	S. G. W	
Thomas Brown	G. S.	

For the Master's Lodge

Archibald McNeill .	past G. W. as M.	. . . ,, 18 ,, —
Benjamin Loring . . .	S. W.	
Job Prince	J. W.	

For the 1st Lodge		
John Joy	M.	. . ,, 18 ,, —
Thomas Knight	S. W	
Thomas Fleet	as J. W.	
For the 2d Lodge		
John Box junr	as M.	. . ,, 18 ,, —
Job Wheelwright	as S. W.	
Thomas Aylwin	as J. W.	
		2 ,, 14 ,, —
Expence of Meetgs		1 ,, 5 ,, 8
Balance		£ 1 ,, 8 ,, 4

The Lodge was informed from the Chair that a number of Brethren belonging to Nantucket had Petitioned for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in that Place, and said Petition being read, the Grand Master asked Counsel of the Lodge, who joined with him in Opinion that the Grand Secretary do acquaint the Petitioners by Letter, that Three Master Masons are necessary to the Constituting a New Lodge; also with the Expence attending the same: and desire them to Nominate one of the Petitioners for their first Master.

A Motion was made that the Feast of St John the Baptist be Celebrated in June next. The Question being put, it passed in the Affirmative. Upon which another Motion was made that it be Celebrated out of Town. And the Question being put, it passed in the Affirmative. Brother Cutler, Brother Savage, and Brother Knight were appointed Stewards of said Feast.

A Petition of Relief Ellery for Charity, Also a Motion made by Brother Cutler that some Charity be granted the Widow of our late Brother Ambrose Downes, were taken into Consideration, and both refer'd to the Grand Feast.

All the Lodges within this Jursidiction were called over, none appearing for any of them, but those in Boston as above.

THE PETITION ABOVE MENTIONED FROM NANTUCKET.

To the Right Worshipful John Rowe Esqr Grand Master Mason for North America.

Right Worshipful Sir,

We the Subscribers being sensible that it lies in our Power to Propagate that Ancient & Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons here in this Place: And as we think it our indispensible Duty to use our best Endeavours to Propagate so noble an Art with all the Strictness and Regularity as becomes Members of a just and perfect Lodge; And Right Worshipful we are likewise sensible that no one ought to come to any light or knowledge

by any Clandestine or unregular Method, that may tend to cast any Disgrace upon the Fraternity, which we shall always be sorry to hear of; And we shall always use our best Endeavours to promote so laudable a Society when it is established in due form. And now R^t Worshipful Sir, We desire and request of your Worship that if it is consistant with your will and pleasure that you would send us a Warrant so that we may have a just and perfect Lodge Consecrated here, so that when any Candidates offer themselves, we may be able to deal with them in due form.—Right Worship our Motive is this, first our Duty to our Maker; secondly to our fellow men; thirdly to the Fraternity in general throughout the Globe; and Sir we would acquaint your Worship that there is several that hath offered themselves as Candidates thinking that we had power to deal with them, & Men of good Character, And now Right Worshipful we would have you to take the Matter into your serious Consideration, and to act agreeable to the trust reposed in you, and if your Worship thinks we are worthy of a Warrant and will send us one, we your worthy Brothers in Duty Bound shall ever pray.

Nantucket, April 16. 1771.
P.S.
We would desire your Worship to send us an Answer as soon as is Convenient.

Willm Brock. M.M.
Jos^h Deniston
Henry Smith
William Worth
Chris^r Hussey F.C.
Tim^o Folger D^o

Boston 27th April 1771.

Sir.

At a Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 26th Instant, a Petition from a Number of Brethren dated at Nantucket April 16th 1771. requesting a Warrant to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in said Place was Read; And after due Consideration thereon, the Grand Master with the Advice of said Grand Lodge directed "that the Grand Secretary do acquaint the Petitioners "by Letter that Three Master Masons are necessary to the con-"stituting a New Lodge; also with the Expence attending the "same; And desire them to Nominate one of the Petitioners for "their first Master."

In Obedience to said Direction I take this Opportunity thro' you Sir, to acquaint the said Petitioners with the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge relative to their Petition, and inform you that the Cost of a Deputation will be Three Guineas and an half, to be paid on the delivery thereof. I likewise desire you would let me know if there are Three Master Masons of your Number: And who you think fit to Nominate as your first Master. After I am made acquainted with these Particulars, I presume the Grand

Master will give Directions for a Deputation to be made out with all convenient Dispatch.

Interim I remain, Sir,

Your and the other Petitioners

Affectionate Brother
and very humble Servant
THO: BROWN Gr. Secry.

Mr CHRISTO HUSSEY
at Nantucket.

[SEAL.] *John Rowe G. M.*

To all and Every our Right Worshipful and Loving Brethren, Free and Accepted Masons now Residing or that may hereafter Reside in Sherburne in the County of Nantucket in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England. WE JOHN ROWE Esquire Provincial Grand Master of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for all North America, where no other Grand Master is Appointed,

SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS Application hath been made unto us by several Brethren Free and Accepted Masons now residing at Sherburne aforesaid; setting forth that they think it their indispensible Duty to propagate the Royal Art with all the Strictness and Regularity that becomes Masons of a just and perfect Lodge; that they shall always use their best Endeavours to promote so laudable a Society when it is Established in due form: Therefore Pray that we would Constitute them into a Regular Lodge, and appoint our Brother Captain William Brock to be their first Master.

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE,

That We of the great Trust, Power and Authority, reposed in us by his Grace the Most Worshipful HENRY SOMERSET, Duke of Beaufort &c Grand Master of MASONS, have Constituted and Appointed our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brother Captain WILLIAM BROCK to be the first Master of the Lodge at Sherburne aforesaid, and do hereby impower him to Congregate the Brethren together, and form them into a Regular Lodge, he taking special Care that all and every Member thereof, and all transient Persons admitted therein have been, or shall be regular made Masons. And that he appoint two Wardens and other Officers to a Lodge Appertaining, for the due Regulation of said Lodge for One Year; at the end of which he shall Nominate a new Master to be approved by the Lodge, at least two thirds of the Members in his favour, and said new Master shall Nominate and Appoint two Wardens and a Secretary for the ensuing Year, also a Treasurer, who must have the Votes of two thirds of the Members in his favour; and so the same Course Annually. AND WE DO HEREBY GIVE to said Lodge all the Privileges and Authority of other Regular Lodges; Requiring them to observe all and every of the Regulations contained in the Printed Book of Constitutions (except such as have been, or

may be Repealed at any Quarterly Communication or other General Meeting of the Grand Lodge in London,) to be kept and observed, as also all such other Rules and Instructions as may from Time to Time be transmitted to them by Us, or our Deputy, or Successors to either for the Time being: And that they do Annually send an Account in Writing to Us, or our Deputy, or Successors to either of Us for the Time being, of the Names of the Members of said Lodge, and their Place of Abode, with the Days and Place of Meeting, with any other things they may think proper to Communicate for the benefit of Masonry; And that they do Annually keep the Feast of St John the Baptist, or St John the Evangelist, or both, and Dine together on said Day or Days, or as near either of them as shall be most convenient: And lastly, that they do Regularly Communicate with the Grand Lodge in Boston, by sending to the Quarterly Communication such Charity as their Lodge shall think fit, for the Relief of Poor Brethren, with the Names of those that Contributed the same, that in case any such may come to want Relief, they may have the preference to others.

Given under Our Hand and Seal of Masonry at Boston the 27th Day of May A: D 1771. and of Masonry 5771.

	Richd Gridley	D. G. M.
By the Grand Master's Command	Jno Cutler	S. G. W.
Tho: Brown Gr: Secry.	Abrm Savage	J. G. W.

Monday June 24th 1771, being the Festival of St John the Baptist, the same was celebrated on Tuesday the 25th Day of said Month at the House of Mr Thomas Brackett, The Kings Arms Tavern on Boston Neck, when were present the following Brethren — Vizt:

John Rowe Esqr	G. M.
Henry Price Esqr	P. G. M.
Richard Gridley Esqr	D. G. M.
Robert Jenkins.	P. D. G. M.
John Cutler	S. G. W.
Abraham Savage	J. G. W.
Joseph Gardner	G. T.
William Coffin	Benjamin Jackson,
Joseph Russell.	William Jones
Richard Clarke.	Peter Roberts
Thomas Knight.	William Burbeck
John Dean	William Turner
Joseph Dean	Jacob McDaniell
John Box junr	John Marston
William Barrell	William Gooch
Samuel Swift Esqr	William Spooner
Richard Palmes	Matthew Hutchins
Thomas Fleet.	John Joy
Edward Carnes	John Briant.
Archd McNeill, P. G. W.	

Expence to each £3 ,, 12 ,, 0 Old Tenor.

To the Right Worshipfull John Rowe Esquire Grand Master of Masons in all North America where no other Grand Master is appointed; the Petition of the Brethren of that Antient and Honorable Society in the Town of Guilford in Connecticutt Humbly Sheweth, That your Petitioners have all been made Masons in a just and due form, and in Lodges duely Commissioned and Authorized thereunto, Viz^t in N: Haven, Wallingford and other Lodges; that we live at a great Distance from any regular Lodge and are deprived of the Benefits of Masonry on that account, therefore Humbly Request that we may be made a regular Lodge and our Brother Bilious Ward be appointed to be the first Master of the same: and we do promise strictly to Observe all the Laws and Regulations of Masonry, and to the utmost of our Power to Support and Contribute to the well being of the Craft, and your Petitioners shall ever Pray

To
The R^t Worshipf^ll JOHN ROWE Esqr
Grand Master of Masons &c.
Boston.

pr favour of
B^R ROCKWELL.

TIM WARD
BILIOUS WARD
DAVID LANDON
TIM LUDINGTON
EBE^R WATERHOUS
ASHER FAIRCHILD
BENJ^N STONE
GILES TRUBEAR
SAM^LL JOHNSON

[SEAL] *John Rowe Grand Master.*

TO ALL AND EVERY our Right Worshipful and Loving Brethren, Free and Accepted MASONS now Residing or that may hereafter Reside in Guilford in the Colony of Connecticutt in New England. WE JOHN ROWE Esquire Provincial Grand Master of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted MASONS for all North America, where no other Grand Master is Appointed

SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS Application hath been made unto us by Timothy Ward, Bilious Ward, David Landon, Timothy Ludington, Ebenezer Waterhouse, Asher Fairchild, Benjamin Stone, Giles Trubear, and Samuel Johnson, Free and Accepted MASONS now residing in Guilford aforesaid; setting forth that they live at a great Distance from any regular Lodge, and are deprived of the Benefits of MASONRY on that account, Therefore humbly Request that they may be made a regular Lodge, and Appoint our Brother Mr Bilious Ward to be the first Master of the same, and do promise strictly to observe all the Laws and Regulations of MASONRY, and to the utmost of their Power, Support and Contribute to the well being of the Craft.

Now therefore know Ye

That we of the great Trust, Power and Authority, reposed in us by his Grace the most Worshipful Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort &c Grand Master of Masons, have Constituted and Appointed our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brother Mr Bilious Ward to be the first Master of the Lodge at Guilford aforesaid, and do hereby impower him to Congregate the Brethren together, and form into a Regular Lodge, he taking special Care that all, and every Member thereof, and all transient Persons admitted therein have been, or shall be regular made Masons: and that he appoint two Wardens, and other Officers to a Lodge Appertaining, for the due Regulation of said Lodge for One Year; at the end of which he shall Nominate a new Master to be approved by the Lodge, at least two thirds of the Members in his favour, and said new Master shall Nominate and Appoint two Wardens and a Secretary for the ensuing Year, also a Treasurer, who must have the Votes of two thirds of the Members in his favour; and so the same Course Annually.

And we do hereby give to said Lodge all the Privileges and Authority of other Regular Lodges; Requiring them to observe all and every of the Regulations contained in the Printed Book of Constitutions (except such as have been, or may be Repealed at any Quarterly Communication or other general Meeting of the Grand Lodge in London,) to be kept and observed, as also all such other Rules and Instructions as may from time to time be transmitted to them by Us, or our Deputy, or Successors to either for the Time being: And that they do Annually send an Account in Writing to Us, or our Deputy, or Successors to either of Us for the Time being of the Names of the Members of said Lodge, and their Place of Abode, with the Days and Place of Meeting, with any other things they may think proper to Communicate for the benefit of Masonry; and that they do Annually keep the Feast of St John the Baptist, or St John the Evangelist, or both, and Dine together on said Day or Days, or as near either of them as shall be most Convenient: And lastly that they do Regularly Communicate with the Grand Lodge in Boston, by sending to the Quarterly Communication such Charity as their Lodge shall think fit for the Relief of Poor Brethren, with the Names of those that Contributed the same, that in case any such may come to want Relief, they may have the preference to others.

Given under Our Hand and Seal of MASONRY at Boston the 10th Day of July A: D 1771 and of MASONRY 5771.

Richard Gridley D. G. M.
Jno Cutler S. G. W.
Abrm Savage J. G. W.

By the Grand
Master's Command,
Tho: Brown Gr: Secry.

FRIDAY July 26th 5771, being the Time for the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication to meet, the same was put off by order of the Grand Master, on account of the heat of the Weather, and no pressing Business to be transacted; till the stated Time in October next.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 25th Day of October 5771.

Present.

Rt. Worshipful Robert Jenkins	P. D. G. M. as Gr: Master.
John Cutler	S. G. W.
Abraham Savage	J. G. W.
Thomas Brown	G. S.
John Box	P. G. W.
Archibald McNeill	P. G. W.
John Box Junior.	
Thomas Knight	S. W. of ye 1st Lodge.

All the Lodges within this Jurisdiction were called over, none appeared for any of them, save for the First and Second Lodges in Boston.

A Motion being made, that the sense of the Lodge might be taken, whether the having a Number of Circular Letters Printed, and regularly transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Lodges in general, within this Jurisdiction, previous to the Quarterly Communications; therein desiring the Masters and Wardens of said Lodges to Attend if convenient, and bring, or otherways send what Charity their Lodges shall think proper, to be deposited in the Grand Fund of Charity in Boston for the Relief of distressed Brethren; would not be a probable means of increasing the general Fund of Charity. After due Consideration thereon: it was Unanimously VOTED, that the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby Authorized, to get 500 of such Letters immediately Printed, at the Expence of this Grand Lodge, and transmit them regularly, agreeable to the foregoing Motion.

A Motion was made that the Feast of St John the Evangelist be Celebrated in December next. The Question being put, it passed in the Affirmative. Upon which, Bror McNeill, Bror Cutler, Bror Savage and Bror Brown were appointed Stewards of said Feast.

First Lodge sent for Expences	£0 ,, 18 ,, 0
Second Lodge sent for Expences . . .	,, 18 ,, —
	1 ,, 16 ,, 0
Expences of Meeting .	1 ,, 5 ,, 7
Balance .	£0 ,, 10 ,, 5

Friday December 27th 1771, being the Festival of St John the Evangelist, the same was celebrated at the House of Brother Joseph Ingersol, the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, where were present the following Brethren . . . . Vizt.

John Rowe Esqr	G. M.
Richard Gridley Esqr	D. G. M.
Robert Jenkins	P. D. G. M.
William Coffin	P. G. W.
John Cutler	S. G. W.
Abraham Savage	J. G. W.
Joseph Gardner	G. T.
Thomas Brown	G. S.
Thomas Knight	M. F. Lodge.
John Box Junr	M. S. Lodge.

Benja Barnard	Scarborough Gridley
Benja Loring.	Timothy Folger.
Edwd Tirrel Smith	Joseph Russell
Joseph Ingersol.	Thomas Fleet
Edward Carnes.	Josh Henderson
Matthew Hutchins.	Samuel Haynes
Benja Homans.	Benja Jackson
Ebenr Bridgham	John Blake
Benja Mul. Holmes	John Marston
Danl McCarthy	Willm Gooch
Mungo McKey	Jacob McDaniell
Peter Roberts	James Dundass
Job Wheelwright	Philip Dumaresq,
Job Prince	Archd McNeill
Jona Blodget	William Turner.
Richd Clark	

Bror Russell made Application to the Lodge for Charity in behalf of Mrs Downes, Widow to our Brother Ambrose Downes; whose Circumstances he represented as deplorable: at the request of the Grand Master a Collection was made, amounting to £3 ,, 1 ,, 4 lawful Money; which Sum was paid to Bror Russell, for the Use of the said Mrs Downes.

Bror Brown presented a Petition to the Lodge from our Bror Capt William Hayes, for Charity, which was Read, and at the request of the Grand Master a Collection was made amounting to £3 ,, 0 ,, 2 lawful Money; which Sum was paid Bror Brown for the Use of the Petitioner.

Expence to each, for the Feast £3 ,, 7 ,, 6 Old Tenor.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 24th Day of January 5772.

Present.

R^t Worshipful Robert Jenkins		P. D. G. M. as Gr: Master.
John Cutler . . .		S. G. W.
Abraham Savage . .		J. G. W.
John Box		P. G. W.

For the Mast^rs Lodge

Arch^d Mc Neill	P. G. W. Mast^r pro:	
Job Prince . .	S. W.	
Thomas Fleet . .	J. W.	

For the 1st Lodge

Thomas Knight M.	bro^t Exp^s . . .	0 ,, 18 .. 0
William Gooch S. W.		
Jacob McDaniell J. W		

For the 2^d Lodge

John Box jun^r M.	bro^t Exp^s . .	0 .. 18 ,, 0
Edward Carnes S. W. pro:		
Benj^a Church J. W.		
Thomas Brown Gr: Sec^ry		
		1 ,, 16 .. 0
	Exp^s of meeting,	1 ,, 12 .. 9½
	Balance, ...	£0 .. 3 .. 2½

This being the Season for Electing Grand Officers, the R^t Worshipful Richard Gridley Esqr was nominated and appointed (by the Grand Master present) to be Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing Year.

The R^t Worshipful John Cutler present Senior Grand Warden was constituted Senior Grand Warden: and the R^t Worshipful Abraham Savage present Junior Grand Warden was constituted Junior Grand Warden for the ensuing Year.

The R^t Worshipful Doct^r Joseph Gardner was again nominated and unanimously Ballotted in Grand Treasurer for the ensuing Year.

And the R^t Worshipful Thomas Brown was appointed Grand Secretary for the ensuing Year.

Bro^r Benjamin Homans was appointed Tyler for the Year ensuing.

Voted that a Grant of four Dollars be paid out of the Grand Lodges Stock to Bro^r Benjamin Homans, Tyler for his Attendance the Year past.

Enquiry was made, why the Committee long since appointed to Adjust the Accounts of this Lodge with the R^t Worshipful Bro^r Rowe late Treasurer had not complyed with the Vote for that purpose; Reply was made, that they were possessed of no nec-

essary Papers to enable them to effect a Settlement with Bro^r Rowe.

Upon which the Grand Secretary was directed to furnish said Committee with such Papers as would enable them to make an equitable Adjustment of said Accounts, and ascertain the exact Balance in Bro^r. Rowes hands, and make Report at the next Quarterly Communication.

A List of all the Lodges within this Jurisdiction was regularly called over, and no one appeared to answer for any of them, save for the First and Second Lodges in Boston.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 24th April 5772.

Present.

R^t. Worshipful	John Cutler	S. G. W. as Gr: Master.
	Abraham Savage	J. G. W. as S. G. W.
	John Box	P. G. W. as J. G. W.
	Thomas Brown	G. S.
	Robert Jenkins	P. D. G. M.
	Arch^d McNeill	P. G. W.

For the 1st Lodge

Thomas Knight	M.	brought Expences 0 ,, 18 ,, 0
Edward Carnes	S. W. pro:	
Jacob McDaniell	J. W.	

For the 2^d Lodge

John Box jun^r.	M	brought Expences,	0 ,, 18 ,, 0
Benj^a Church	S. W.		
Thomas Fleet	J. W. pro:		
			1 ,, 16 ,, 0
	Expence of Meeting		1 ,, 2 ,, 11½
	Balance		£ 0 ,, 13 ,, 0½

A Committee having been appointed some time since to adjust the Accounts between our R^t: Wor: Bro Rowe and this Grand Lodge, some of whom are Invalids, and others often out of Town, and by that means not able to attend the Business,

Voted that Bro: McNeill, Bro: Savage, Bro: Knight, Bro: Church and Bro: Prince be a Committee for that purpose and make report the next Quarterly Communication.

Upon a Motion made in this Grand Lodge, that whereas upon inspection of the late Grand Treasurers Accounts which were never brought to an Adjustment before this Time, we find that no

Charge is made for any Gratuity to our Revd Brother Edward Bass, for the Expence of his Journey to Boston, and his excellent and brotherly Labours in studying and delivering a Sermon to the Fraternity at the Instalment of the Grand Master in the Year 1768. Wherefore VOTED, that the Grand Secretary be desired to write a handsome Apology to the said Revd Brother with a Copy of this Vote, and that the Sum of Six Guineas be forthwith sent to him in consideration of the Services aforesaid.

VOTED, that the Feast of St John the Baptist be celebrated on the 24th June next, and that Bro: Cutler, Bro: Fleet and Bro: Carnes be a Committee to make Provission for the same.

A List of all the Lodges within this Jurisdiction was regularly called over, and no one appeared to answer for them, save for the first and second Lodges in Boston.

WEDNESDAY June 24th 1772, being the Festival of S^t. John the Baptist, the same was celebrated at the House of Brother Thomas Brackett, the Kings Arms Tavern on Boston Neck, when were present the following Brethren . . Viz^t·

John Rowe Esqr	G. M.
Henry Price Esqr	P. G. M.
Robt Jenkins	P. D. G. M.
John Cutler	S. G. W.
Abrah^m Savage	J. G. W.
Joseph Gardner	G. T.
Thomas Brown	G. S.
William Coffin	P. G. W.
John Box	P. G. W.
Arch^d McNeill	P. G. W.

Thomas Knight.	Benj^a Jackson
Joseph Adams	William Gooch
Samuel Barrett	Eben^r Bridgham
John Box jun^r	Edward Carnes
William Jones	Andrew Christie
William Spooner	Philip Dumaresq
Job Wheelwright	Francis Welch
John Fleeming	John Joy
Benj^a Church.	Peter Roberts
Thomas Fleet	Henry Leddell
Levi Jennings	Samuel Fitch Esqr
Matthew Hutchins	Nathl Balch
Joseph Ingersol	Edward Benson
Shubael Hewes	Benj^a Homans (Tyler).

Expence to each £3 ,, 3 ,, 0. Old Tenor.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 24th day of July 5772.

Present.

Rt Worshipful	John Rowe Esqr	Gr: Master
	John Cutler . . .	S. G. W.
	Abraham Savage .	J. G. W.
	Robert Jenkins . .	P. D. G. M.
	John Box	P. G. W.
	John Joy	M of Mastrs Lodge
	John Box junr . .	M of 2d Lodge
	Thomas Fleet	S. W. of Mastrs Lodge & Gr: Secy pro: Tem:
	William Gooch Senor	W. of 1st Lodge.

The Grand Master communicated to the Lodge a Petition from Eighteen Members of St John's Lodge in Boston, praying to be embodied into a distinct Lodge by the Name of the Rising Sun Lodge*, when, after a considerable Debate, it was agreed that the Grand Master should grant them a Deputation agreeable thereto, under such Charges as the Constitution requires; and that he would inform them to prepare themselves for that Purpose by September next.

The Reckoning being 16/6½, was paid, one half by the Treasurer of the First, and the other half by the Treasurer of the Second Lodge.

* To the Right Worshipful John Rowe Esqr Grand Master of Masons for North America.

We the Subscribers duly admitted and regular Members of the Lodge of St John's in Boston New England humbly beg leave to intreat the indulgence of our Right Worshipful Grand Master, that he would be pleased to grant a deputation under the Seal of the Grand Lodge embodying the Brethren who have subscribed to this Petition into a distinct Lodge under the denomination of the Rising Sun Lodge to be convened the First Wednesday in every month or oftner if the exigencies of the Lodge shall require, at the British Coffee House in King street Boston New England.

And we beg leave further to address the Right Worshipful Grand Master entreating him that he would be pleased to appoint our Brother Benjamin Church junr the Right Worshipful Master of the Rising Sun Lodge for the remainder of this, and the year ensuing, with all the Powers, Priviledges, Honours and Distinctions with which it has been usual for you and your Right Worshipful Predecessors to invest any Brother whom they have been pleased to elevate to the Sacred Chair.

We are encouraged to hope the acquiescence of our Right Worshipful Grand Master in this request as our Principal Motive is to

promote Brotherly Love and Charity and to restore that harmony and good fellowship which is the distinguishing ornament of the Craft and to recover to Masonry that estimation among mankind so generous and laudable an Establishment was originally calculated to obtain and secure.

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray.

Boston New England 22d June 1772.

BENJA CHURCH JUNR	NATHL BALCH
JOHN FLEEMING	NATH: ABRAHAM
JACOB MCDANIELL	BENJA LORING
GEO: SPOONER	JOS: RUSSELL
MATTHEW HUTCHINS	WILLIAM GOOCH
EBENR BRIDGHAM	WILLIAM CHARLES HY REIJNSDORF.
WILLIAM JONES	BEN: JACKSON
SAML LLOYD	JNO GRAY
ROBT WILLIAMS	SAM: BARRETT.

[SEAL]
JOHN ROWE.
Grand Master.

TO ALL AND EVERY our Right Worshipful and Loving Brethren Free and Accepted MASONS now Residing or that may hereafter Reside in Boston in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

WE JOHN ROWE Esquire Provincial Grand Master of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted MASONS for all North America, where no other Grand Master is Appointed,

SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS Application hath been made unto us by Benjamin Church junior, John Fleeming, Jacob McDaniell, George Spooner, Matthew Hutchins, Ebenezer Bridgham, William Jones, Samuel Lloyd, Robert Williams, Nathaniel Balch, Nathaniel Abraham, Benjamin Loring, Joseph Russell, William Gooch, William Charles Henry Reijnsdorf, Benjamin Jackson, John Gray and Samuel Barrett, Free and Accepted MASONS now residing in Boston aforesaid; setting forth that their principal Motive is to promote Brotherly Love and Charity, and to restore that Harmony and good Fellowship which is the distinguishing ornament of the Craft, and to recover to MASONRY that estimation among mankind so generous and laudable an Establishment was originally calculated to obtain and secure. And intreating us to grant a Deputation under the Seal of the Grand Lodge embodying the Brethren above named into a distinct Lodge under the denomination of the Rising Sun Lodge to be convened the First Wednesday in every month or oftner if the exigencies of the Lodge shall require at the British Coffee House in said Boston; And also intreating us to appoint our Brother Benjamin Church junior Master of the said Lodge for the remainder of this and the year ensuing.

Now therefore know ye That we of the great Trust, Power and Authority reposed in us by his Grace the most Worshipfull, Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort &c. Grand Master of Masons, have Constituted and Appointed our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brother Benjamin Church junior to be the first Master of the Rising Sun Lodge in Boston aforesaid, for the remainder of this and the year ensuing, and do hereby impower him to Congregate the Brethren together, and form them into a Regular Lodge, he taking special Care that all and every Member thereof, and all transient Persons admitted therein have been, or shall be regular made Masons: and that he appoint two Wardens, and other Officers to a Lodge appertaining, for the due Regulation of said Lodge for One Year; at the end of which he shall Nominate a new Master to be approved by the Lodge, at least two thirds of the Members in his favour, and said new Master shall Nominate and Appoint two Wardens and a Secretary for the ensuing Year; also a Treasurer, who must have the Votes of two thirds of the Members in his favour; and so the same course Annually.

And we do hereby Give to said Lodge all the Privileges and Authority of other Regular Lodges; Requiring them to observe all and every of the Regulations contained in the Printed Book of Constitutions (except such as have been, or may be Repealed at any Quarterly Communication or other general Meeting of the Grand Lodge in London,) to be kept and observed, as also all such other Rules and Instructions as may from time to time be transmitted to them, by Us, or our Deputy, or Successors to either for the time being: And that they do Annually send an Account in Writing to Us, or our Deputy, or Successors to either of us for the time being, of the Names of the Members of said Lodge, and their Place of Abode, with the Days and Place of Meeting, with any other things they may think proper to comunicate for the benefit of Masonry; and that they do Annually keep the Feast of St John the Baptist, or St John the Evangelist, or both, and Dine together on said Day or Days, or as near either of them, as shall be most Convenient: And lastly that they do Regularly Communicate with the Grand Lodge in Boston by sending to the Quarterly Communication such Charity as their Lodge shall think fit, for the Relief of Poor Brethren, with the Names of those that Contributed the same, that in case any such may come to want Relief, they may have the preference to others.

Given under our Hand and Seal of MASONRY at BOSTON the 10th Day of August A : D 1772. and of MASONRY 5772.

Richd Gridley D. G. M.
Jno Cutler Senr G. W.
Abrm Savage Junr G. W.

By the Grand
Masters Command
Tho : Brown Gr : Secry

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 23d day of October 5772.

Present.

Rt Worshipful John Cutler,	S. G. W	as Gr: Master		
John Box	P. G. W.	as S. G. W.		
Abraham Savage		J. G. W.		
Jacob McDaniell		Gr: Secy pro:		
John Joy	M. of the Ms Lodge			
Thomas Knight	M. of the 1st Lodge paid . .	0 ,,	18 ,,	0
John Box Junr	M. of the 2d Lodge paid . .	0 ,,	18 ,,	0
John Fleeming				
Ebenezer Bridgham		1 ,,	16 ,,	0
	Reckoning . .	1 ,,	2 ,,	11¼
	Balance . .	0 ,,	13 ,,	0¾

Whereas it has been matter of doubt whether the fourth or last Friday was the stated Time of the meeting of this Lodge, and the fourth being attended sometimes with inconvenience to one of the Lodges under this Jurisdiction. VOTED that this Lodge in future meet on the last Friday of the Month in every Quarter.

On a Motion made and seconded, VOTED unanimously that for the future there be printed Cards issued out to each Member of this Lodge of their Attendance.

VOTED that Brotr Thomas Knight, Brotr John Fleeming & Brotr Ebenezer Bridgham be Grand Stewards for making the necessary Provission for the Celebration of the Feast of St John the Evangelist.

VOTED, unanimously that the Grand Secretary be directed to remit home the Sum paid for the Constituting of the Rising Sun Lodge by the first Opportunity, and to desire it may be Recorded in the Grand Lodge accordingly.

The Rt Worshipful Grand Master pro: appointed Monday the 28th of December for the Celebration of the Feast of St John the Evangelist.

SUNDAY the 27th December 1772, being the Festival of St John the Evangelist, the same was celebrated on MONDAY the 28th of the said Month at the House of Brotr Joseph Ingersoll, the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, where were present the following Brethren . . . . Vizt:

John Rowe Esqr	G. M.
Henry Price Esqr	P. G. M.
Richd Gridley Esqr	D. G. M.
John Cutler	S. G. W.
Abram Savage	J. G. W.

Joseph Gardner	G. T.
Thomas Brown	G. S.
John Box	P. G. W.
Arch^{d} McNeill	P. G. W.
Eben^{r} Bridgham	John Bryant
John Fleeming	William Jackson
Benj^{a} Jackson	Matthew Hutchins
John Gray	Job Prince
John Box Junr	Howard Jacobson
Edward Carnes	Thomas Knight
Benj^{a} Church	James Selkrig
Robt Williams	John Joy
Joseph Ingersoll	Job Wheelwright
Joseph Callender	Samuel Lloyd
John Hitch	Shubael Hewes
Thomas Fleet	Benj^{a} Homans (Tyler.)

Application was made for Charity by Bro^{r} William Hayes, whose Circumstances were represented to be pitiable; on which occasion a Collection was made of Three pounds six Shillings lawful Money, and it was

Voted that the said Sum be paid occasionaly by the Grand Secretary to Bro^{r} Hayes in such proportions as he may think expedient.

Expence to Each for the Feast £4 ,, 0 ,, 0 Old Tenor.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 29th day of January 5773.

Present.

R^{t} Worshipful John Rowe Esqr	Gr: Master.
John Cutler	S. G. W.
Abraham Savage	J. G. W.
Joseph Gardner	G. T.
Thomas Brown	G. Sec^{y}
Robert Jenkins	P. D. G. M.
Arch^{d} McNeill	P. G. W.

Masters Lodge	John Box M.
	Edward Carnes Warden
First Lodge	Thomas Knight M.
	Nathanael Patten } Wardens
	Shubael Hewes } Wardens
Second Lodge	Job Prince M.
	Samuel Lloyd } Wardens
	Richard Salter } Wardens
Rising Sun Lodge	Benjamin Church, M.
	John Fleeming } Wardens.
	Ebenezer Bridgham } Wardens.

John Box Junr James Otis Esqr
Joseph Russell Samuel Fitch Esqr
William Stephen Skey.

The R^t W. Grand Master laid before the Lodge some Regulations drawn up by him respecting the general Fund of Charity, which being Read, Ordered, that the Gr: Sec^y serve the several Lodges with Copys thereof for their consideration, and that the respective Masters of said Lodges Report thereon to this Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication.

VOTED unanimously, that every Brother who attends the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Communications, shall upon his entrance into the Lodge Room pay to the Gr: Sec^y two shillings and six pence Sterling, towards defreying the Expences of said Lodge; and if any surplisage remains after the Bill of Reckoning is discharged, the same to be paid to the Grand Treasurer.

A Letter from Stephen Hooper Esqr Master of Newbury Lodge was Read, and the Contents thereof approved by the Lodge.

A Letter from Nantucket Lodge was Read, praying that said Lodge may be Registered in the Grand Lodge Books by the name of the UNION LODGE N° 5.

VOTED unanimously that the Prayer of said Petition be granted.

A Petition from Bro^r William Stephen Skey for Charity was Read and a Collection of £1,, 12,, 0 lawful Money made and paid him in the Lodge.

A Petition from Bro^r Jeremiah Russell for Charity was Read, setting forth the heavy Loss, he lately sustained by Fire; upon which it was VOTED, that the Sum of four Pounds lawful Money be paid him out of the general Fund, and that it be recommended to all Regular Lodges to take his present distressed Circumstances into consideration and afford him such Relief as to them may appear expedient.

VOTED, that a Recommendatory Letter from this Lodge be given to Bro^r John Fleeming, who purposes soon to Embark for Great Britain.

The following Question was motioned and seconded, Viz^t, Whether the Members of St Andrews and the Massachusetts Lodges if found to be good Masons after a proper Examination shall be admitted as visiting Brothers in the respective Lodges under this Jurisdiction?

After consideration thereof, and debates thereon, the Question was put and passed in the Affirmative *Nemine Contradicente.*

This being the season for Electing Grand Officers, the R^t Worshipful Bro^r Richard Gridley Esqr was appointed by the Grand Master to be Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing Year.

The R^t Worshipful Abraham Savage Junr Grand Warden was constituted Senior Grand Warden, and the R^t Worshipful Samuel Fitch Esqr was constituted Junior Grand Warden for the ensuing Year.

The R^t Worshipful Doct^r Joseph Gardner was again Nominated and unanimously Ballotted in Grand Treasurer for the ensuing Year.

The R^t Worshipful Thomas Brown was again appointed Grand Secretary for the ensuing Year.

And Bro^r Benjamin Homans was appointed Tyler for the ensuing Year.

Voted, that there be granted and paid out of the stock of the Grand Lodge, to Bro^r Thomas Brown Grand Secretary, Twelve Pounds lawful Money as an acknowledgment for his Services to this Lodge for two Years last past.

Voted, that a Grant of four Dollars be paid out of the Stock of the Grand Lodge, to Bro^r Benjamin Homans for his attendance as Tyler the Year past.

All the Lodges within this Jurisdiction were called over in due form.

Collected	3 ,, 6 ,, 8
Paid Bro^r Ingersolls Bill for the Reck^g . . .	3 ,, 0 ,, 7
Balance,	£0 ,, 6 ,, 1

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 30th Day of April 5773.

Present.

R^t Worshipful	Henry Price Esqr	P. G. M. as G. M.
	John Box	S. G. W. pro:
	Abraham Savage	J. G. W.
	Thomas Brown	G. Sec^y
	Arch^d McNeill	P. G. W.
Masters Lodge,	Robert Jenkins	P. D. G. M. as M.
	Edward Carnes, John Box jun^r	Wardens
First Lodge,	Thomas Knight	M.
	Nathl Patten, Shubael Hewes	Wardens
Second Lodge,	Job Prince	M.
	Samuel Lloyd, Richard Salter	Wardens.
Rising Sun Lodge,	Eben^r Bridgham as M.	
	Peter Roberts, William Jones	Wardens

* A Letter from Hiram Lodge in New Haven, and a ¶ Letter from Union Lodge N° 5 at Nantucket were Read; Voted that both said Letters be Recorded.

Voted that the Feast of S^t. John the Baptist be celebrated on Thursday the 24th Day of June next, and that Bro: McNeill, Bro:

Bridgham and Bro: Prince be a Committee to make Provission for the same.

VOTED that the Grand Secretary retain the six Pounds lawful Money he has received from the Nantucket Lodge for the Relief of Bro: Jeremiah Russell in his own Hands, untill he obtains a Receipt from said Bro: Russell for said Sum.

VOTED that the Grand Secretary take up all Letters that arrive from the Grand Lodge in England relative to Masonry, and that the Charges attending such Letters be borne by this Lodge.

All the Lodges within this Jurisdiction were called over in due form.

Collected.	2 ,, 10 ,, 0
Paid Bro: Ingersolls Bill for the Reckoning.	1 ,, 14 ,, 8
Balance	,, 15 ,, 4

NEW HAVEN Jany 5773.

*Brother Sec^y Brown,

We are much pleased to tell you, that we have received from you, by Order of our Right Worshipful Grand Master, his Requisition, summoning the Master and Wardens of all regular Lodges within his District, to meet in Boston at the Quarterly Communication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and deposit such Charity as will be agreeable to Hiram Lodge, in the Grand Fund of Charity in Boston, for the Relief of Distress'd Brothers. And also communicate to the Grand Lodge (agreeable to our Deputation) the Circumstances of our Lodge, and what else we shall judge will be for the Benefit of Masonry.

Brother Sec^ry, With regard to the first Requisition of our Right Worshipful Grand Master, we have only to say, that not only the Notice since Reception of your very agreeable Letter is very short, but the Winter Weather very fatiguing, really forbids the Master and Wardens of Hiram Lodge, having the pleasure as well as the Honour of an Interview with our Right Worshipful Grand Master, and the Brethren, at the approaching Quarterly Communication; were it any ways convenient, would give them very sensible Pleasure, that from the Fountain they might still further be instructed in the pleasing Art of Masonry, in which they challenge nothing higher than being Pupils.

With Regard to the second Requisition, Brother Secretary, we have only to add, that Hiram Lodge has almost since its Formation, been in a state of Infancy, struggling for Life. No great Capital to support itself — Much to be pitied; But at the present rising against Opposition, having a very agreeable Prospect before us, that in Time we shall rise superiour to any Thrust, and with our Sister Lodges be able to remit to the Grand Fund what will be agreeable to our Right Worshipful Grand Master, to the Officers,

and Brethren Companions of our Mother Lodge, the Grand Lodge in Boston.

To the third Requisition with Regard to the Lodge, we think we have a Right to say, We yield to none without it be in Point of Capital—Honor and the Craft are the Darlings of Hiram Lodge.

According to our Deputation we annually (on the Eve of St John in Dec^r) choose our Master, Wardens, and other Officers, which is done with Solemnity, and invested in the same Manner. We are at present in the Town about 60 Members, most of them worthy Brothers that do Honor to the Fraternity, and we hope no Disgrace to that Society that gave us our Existance. Upon the whole, we wish every Happiness to our Right Worshipful Grand Master, and to the Lodges over which he presides, that Masonry every where may rise superior to every Attack, and flourish unblemished, in spight of Opposition, through revolving Ages.

Concluding ourselves
Your Friends, Brethren & Servants
By order of the Master
Saml Green Sec^ry

To Brother Thos Brown
Grand Sec^ry —

¶ Right Worshipful Brother

By order of the R^t Worshipful Master of this Lodge I am to answer yours of the 1st Jany last; also of the 30th of the same Month both which he has received together with the Petition of Br^o Russell.

The Remoteness of our Situation on an Island, & the Difficulty of passing in Winter; we hope will be accepted as a sufficient Excuse for our Non-attendance at the Grand Lodge, according to Summons.

Our Lodge is yet in its Infancy, the Members chiefly Seamen, and none of us blessed with a Fortune, our Lodge as yet not properly settled, furnished &c., &c. Insomuch that it is out of our Power (at present) to transmit any thing to the Grand Fund, but humbly hope that Maturity and the united Efforts of our greatest Abilities will, in a short Time enable us liberally to contribute thereto.

The calamitous Circumstances of Br^o Russell we look upon well worthy of the immediate Commiseration & Assistance of every tender hearted & good Mason; have therefore voted the Sum of 6£ to the Relief of our s^d unfortunate Br^o and the same transmitted to you pr the Bearer hereof, Mr Josp^h Roby. I am likewise directed to inform you, agreeable to our Deputation, that on the Celebration of the Feast of St John the Evangelist last past we proceeded to the Choice of new Officers, and then were elected

R. W. Master Br^o Timothy Folger Esqr
S. W. Br^o Tristram Barnard
J. W. Br^o Thomas Worth.

Also Members admitted since our last are Br^s William Bunker, Josiah Coffin Junr, Zacheus Bunker, Phinehas Fanning, John Gardner 2^d, John Bard, Barrett Bard, Paul Pinkham, Robert Macy & Peleg Bunker all Inhabitants of this Island.

Right Worshipful Brother,

Do us the Honor to Believe that ever Member of this Lodge has the Honor of Masonry at Heart and will on all Occasions exert his utmost Faculties to promote the Royal Art.

By Order of TIMOTHY FOLGER Esqr R. W. Master.

I have the happiness to be
Your affectionate Brother and
most obedient humble Servant
PHINEHAS FANNING Sec^y

Union Lodge N° 5th
in Nantucket
March 13th 5773.

To the Right Worshipful JOHN ROWE Esqr
Provincial Grand Master of Masons
in North America.

THURSDAY June 24th 1773, being the Festival of St John the Baptist, the same was celebrated at the House of Brother Thomas Brackett, the Kings Arms Tavern on Boston Neck, where were present the following Brethren . . . . Viz^t

John Rowe Esqr	G. M.
Henry Price Esqr	P. G. M.
Robert Jenkins	P. D. G. M.
Abraham Savage	S. G. W.
Samuel Fitch Esqr	J. G. W.
Joseph Gardner	G. T.
Thomas Brown	G. Sec^y
John Box	P. G. W.
Arch^d McNeill	P. G. W.
Joseph Warren	G. M.

Thomas Knight	Caleb Blanchard
Richard Salter	John Marston
Gabrael Johonnot,	Joseph Ingersoll
Ebenezer Bridgham	Richard Clark
John Inman	Abraham Ogier
John Box jun^r	Henry Leddel
Hawes Hatch	William Welshman
Benjamin Loring	William Burbeck
William Gooch	William Palfrey
Job Wheelwright	Thomas Aylwin Esqr
Matthew Hutchins	Alex^r Mackey
Estest How	John Boies
Nathl Barber jun^r	Shubael Hews
Edward Carnes,	Thomas Fleet
John Steel Tyler	Jonathan Pierpont

Job Prince	John Joy
Jonathan Amory	Samuel Lloyd
William Tyler	Peter Roberts
John Selby	Benj[a] Homans (Tyler)

A Petition from Henry Brabazon for Charity was Read, and a Committee of five Brothers were appointed to examine him relative to his Circumstances; who Reported, that he appeared to them to be an Object of Pity, but that his Petition did not come properly under the consideration of this Lodge; A Collection however was made by the Brethren amounting to 3£ lawful Money, and it was Voted that the same Sum be lodged with the Grand Secretary, and appropriated to the Payment of said Brabazons Passage from hence to Philadelphia, and the surplusage to be paid him by the Captain on his Arrival there; But in case he should refuse the above Proposition, then the whole Sum to be paid the Grand Treasurer to be placed in the Grand Fund of Charity.

Expence to each for the Feast £3 ,, 7 ,, 6 Old Tenor.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 29th Day of October 5773.

Present.

R[t] Worshipful	Abraham Savage	S. G. W. as G. M.
	Nathaniel Patten	as S. G. W.
	Edward Carnes	as J. G. W.
	Thomas Brown	G. Sec[ry]
Masters Lodge	John Box	M.
	Job Wheelwright	S. W.
First Lodge	Shubael Hewes	as M.
Second Lodge	Richard Salter	as M.
Rising Sun Lodge	Ebenezer Bridgham	as M.
	Peter Roberts,	S. W.

Voted that the Feast of S[t] John the Evangelist be Celebrated in Boston upon Monday the 27th Day of December next, and that Bro[r] Peter Roberts, Bro[r] Nath[l] Patten and Bro[r] Edw[d] Carnes be Grand Stewards for making the necessary Provission for the Celebration thereof.

A Petition from Bro[r] Richard Palmes for Charity was read: and the Lodge taking into consideration the extreme low state of their Funds; Directed that Brothers Roberts, Bridgham & Gab: Johonnot be a Committee to wait on all well disposed Brothers to solicit their brotherly Assistance in behalf of the Petitioner, whose distressed situation they heartily recommend to their Charity.

All the Lodges within this Jurisdiction were called over in due form.

Collected	.	1 ,, 10 ,, 0
Paid Bro^{r} Ingersolls Bill for the Reckoning	.	1 ,, 7 ,, 5½
Balance	.	0 ,, 2 ,, 6½

MONDAY December 27th 1773, being the Festival of St John the Evangelist, the same was celebrated at the House of Bro^{r} Joseph Ingersoll, the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, where the following Bretbren were pres^{t}:

John Rowe Esqr	G. M.
Abraham Savage	S. G. W.
William Jackson	as J. G. W.
Joseph Gardner	G. T.
Thomas Brown	G. S.
Arch^{d} McNeill	P. G. W.
James Selkrig	John Selby
Nathl Patten	Samuel Swift Esqr
Amos Winshap	Joseph Russell
Peter Roberts	Edward Carnes
Nathl Coffin jun^{r}	John Marston
Joseph Ingersoll	Wm Samson Morgan
Shubael Hewes	William Tyler
John Box jun^{r}	Richard Salter
Robert Williams	Thomas Knight
Thomas Fleet	William Perry
Job Prince	Edmund Quincey jun^{r}
William Burbeck	William Welshman
John Inman	Thomas Aylwin Esqr
Matthew Hutchins	

A Petition from Bro^{r} William Hayes, and another from Bro^{r} Phillip Bass for Charity were Read; and the sum of £3 ,, 14 ,, 0 lawful Money was Collected from the Brethren. DIRECTED that said Sum be equally divided, and that each of the Petitioners receive a Moiety therof in such proportions as the Grand Wardens, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary may think expedient.

Expence to each for the Feast £3 ,, 10 ,, 0 Old Tenor.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 28th Day of January 5774.

Present.

R^{t} Worshipful John Rowe Esqr	G. M.
Henry Price Esqr	P. G. M.
Abraham Savage	S. G. W.
Samuel Fitch Esqr	J. G. W.
Thomas Brown	G. Sec^{y}
John Box,	P. G. W.
John Cutler	P. G. W.

John Box jun^r
Richard Salter
Shubael Hewes
Mungo McKey
John Joy
John Inman
Benj^a Mul: Holmes
Peter Roberts
Lemuel Cox
Job Wheelwright
Benjamin Church
Robert Williams
Samuel Lloyd
Eben^r Bridgham
Matthew Hutchins
David Ingersoll Esqr
Job Prince
Joseph Russell
Thomas Knight
James Selkrig
Edward Carnes
Samuel Barrett
Thomas Aylwin Esqr
James Jackson
Nathl Patten
Nathl Balch
John Bryant
John Marston
William Jones

The Grand Master laid some Minutes before the Lodge for their Consideration respecting establishing a general Fund of Charity, which being read several Times,

Voted, That Bro^r Benjamin Church, Bro^r Samuel Barrett, Bro^r Samuel Fitch, Bro^r Thomas Aylwin & Bro^r Abraham Savage be a Committee to correct and amend the said Minutes as they may think proper, and make Report at the Adjournment.

This being the Season for Electing Grand Officers, the R^t Worship^l Grand Master moved that all the Grand Officers retain their respective Offices 'till St John's Day in June next.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be continued in his Office till June next; and that all the usual Grants from this Lodge be deferred till the next Quarterly Communication.

The Lodges within this Jurisdiction were called over in due Form.

The Grand Secretary Read two Letters to the Lodge which he had received since the last Quarterly Communication from Union Lodge N° 5, at Nantucket, together with his Answer to one of them; which Letters were highly approved of by the Lodge, and ordered to be Recorded.

The Lodge then Adjourned to Friday Evening the 11th of February next.

The Reckoning was Clubbed by the Brethren present.

Much Respected Brother, Nantucket 10th Novem^r 1773.

I am directed by our Lodge to inform you that some time in Octob^r Ult^o we received a Petition from one Phillip Bass of Boston who is recommended to us by Bro^r Nathl Barber (a truly worthy Member of our Society & in particular of this Lodge) to be a worthy Mason & in Circumstances really necessitous, all which we cannot doubt, but as we are most of us intirely unacquainted with Bro^r Bass who is an Inhabitant of Boston & immediately under the Eye of the Grand Lodge, we conceive that to be the

Chanel thro' which our Charity ought to be conveyed. We shall most willingly contribute to the Necessities of Bro^r Bass or any other Indigent Brother. But those who are Inhabitants of Boston we conceive should be represented to us as such by the Grand Lodge. Request your Answer with your Sentiments on this Matter as soon as convenient.

I am Your affectionate Brother
and most obedient humble Servant
PHINEHAS FANNING Sec^y

p Order of the Master.
To Mr THOMAS BROWN
Merchant in Boston.

Worshipful Brother, BOSTON 30th November 1773.

I received a Letter from you bearing Date the 10th Instant wrote by direction of your Lodge, wherein you desire my Sentiments respecting a Grant of Charity requested from said Lodge by one Philip Bass of this Town.

I take this Opportunity to acquaint your worshipful Lodge, that I verily believe Capt Bass to be a genuine Mason, and in other respects a Man of a fair Character, and that he is in necessitous Circumstances; the Second Lodge in this Town, of which I have the honor to be a Member, looked upon all this to be fact, and made him a Grant very lately out of the Stock of the Lodge; your worshipful Lodge must however excuse me from presuming to dictate to them in a Matter wherein they are at perfect Liberty to act as to them appeareth expedient.

My Opinion coincides with theirs, that the Grand Lodge is the proper Chanel through which Recommendations for Charity ought to pass to the Lodges in this Jurisdiction, and I doubt not of their readiness in paying due Notice to such Recommendations when regularly Issued; but still, when any Brother petitions a particular Lodge for Relief, and they are satisfied with the Petitioners Character & Circumstances, it lays intirely with them to grant him such a Sum as they think convenient, or none at all, if they find the State of their Lodge at a low Ebb.

I could heartily wish that the Lodges within this Jurisdiction did exert themselves as much to encrease the Fund of the Grand Lodge, as the several Lodges do in Boston; here, each Member pays one Shilling lawful Money Quarterly for the sole purpose of Charity, and the whole Amount collected is deposited Annually in the hands of the Grand Treasurer; which method if adopted by the Lodges in general, would prove greatly Advantageous to individual Brothers who might by the Providence of God be reduced to indigent Circumstances; for instance, if such a Brother should apply to a particular Lodge for Relief which had contributed to the general Fund of Charity, and it should not be in

the power of that Lodge to afford him such Assistance as they knew the exigencies of his Condition required: in such case they might with strict propriety recommend him to the consideration of the Grand Lodge for further Relief. I cannot but recommend this Method to the candid deliberation of your Lodge, and hope I shall not be deemed impertinent by so doing.

I sincerely wish your Lodge every Masonic Blessing and am with Esteem, their and your

Most affectionate Brother
and very humble Servant
Tho: Brown Gr. Secry

To Mr Phinehas Fanning
Secretary to Union Lodge No 5.
in Nantucket.

Worshipful Brother, Nantucket 16th Decemr 1773.

Received yours concerning Bror Bass's Petition &c. am much obliged to you for the favor; have laid the same before our Lodge, who have voted for the Relief of said Bror Bass 3£. The Lodge also voted £6 to be sent to the G. Charity Fund, which you will receive by the Bearer hereof our Worshipful Master Bro Samuel Barrett. Our Lodge as yet (as you must be sensible) is in its Infancy our Members generally Seamen & rarely a full Meeting. We have not as yet attained to that stated Method of Business & steady Economy we hope soon to acquire. We shall immediately enter into some regular method of depositing Money in the Grand Charity Fund & make use of the first Opportunity to inform you thereof, which tho' it may be little, as we are poor, hope it will be accepted of. The Worshipful Grand Lodge may be assured that we shall never be backward to contribute to the general Fund according to the utmost of our Ability: and that we shall on all Occasions contribute to the utmost of our Power in promoting the royal Art.

I am likewise agreeable to our Deputation, to inform the most Worshipful Grand Lodge that on the first Monday of this Instant in our annual Meeting for the Election of Officers we proceeded to chuse for the current Year the following (Vizt) Brors Samuel Barrett Master, George Calder S. W. John Sherman J. W. Christopher Hussey Senr Treasurer & Phinehas Fanning Secretary, And that we at present enjoy that Unity, Harmony and Brotherly Concord which is the Foundation of Masonry and the Honor and Support of our Society. Am

By Order of the Worshipful Master
with great Esteem
Your affectionate Brother and
most obedient humble Servant
Phs Fanning Secry

To Bro Thos Brown
Grand Secretary.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 11th Day of February 5774, by Adjournment.

Present.

Rt Worshipful John Rowe Esqr	G. M.
Abraham Savage	S. G. W.
Samuel Fitch Esqr	J. G. W.
John Box	P. G. W.
Archd McNeill	P. G. W.
Joseph Gardner	G. T.
Thomas Brown	G. Secy

Joseph Russell	Samuel Barrett
Job Wheelwright	William Tyng Esqr
John Bryant	Benja Mul: Holmes
John Inman	John Marston
Benjamin Jackson	David Ingersoll Esqr
Richard Salter	Mark Hopkins
Joseph Callender	John Box junr
Thomas Aylwin Esqr	Lemuel Cox
Edward Carnes	Ebenr Bridgham
James Selkrig	Honble William Brattle Esqr
Samuel Lloyd	William Burbeck.
Job Prince	

The Committee appointed at the last Grand Lodge, Reported a number of Rules and Regulations, which were several times Read in this Lodge, and thereupon VOTED, that the Affair be re-committed, and that the Rt Worshipful Grand Master, and the Rt Worshipful Grand Treasurer be added to the said Committee and Report upon this Day fortnight being the 25th Instant; to which Time this Lodge stands Adjourned.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 25th Day of February 5774, by Adjournment.

Present.

The Rt Worshipful John Rowe, Esqr	G. M.
Abraham Savage,	S. G. W.
John Box, junr	as J. G. W.
John Box,	P. G. W.
Joseph Gardner,	G. T.
Thomas Brown,	G. Secry

Job Prince	Edward Carnes
Thomas Aylwin Esqr	Job Wheelwright
Joseph Russell	Nathl Patten
James Selkrig	William Burbeck
John Inman	Ebenr Bridgham
Richard Salter	Robert Williams.

The Committee appointed to correct and amend the Minutes laid before the Grand Lodge on the 28th Day of January last, by the Rt W. Grand Master, made the following Report*, which being read several Times, was unanimously accepted and approved of. In Testimony whereof the Grand Lodge came to the following Votes. 1. Voted, that the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to our Right Worshipful Grand Master, John Rowe, Esqr for his noble Proposal of this benevolent Plan. 2. Voted, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Committee (who reported the following Rules and Regulations,) for their faithful Services. 3. Voted, that 300 Copies of the following Rules and Regulations be printed as soon as may be, (The printing of which, the Right Worshipful Grand Master has generously engaged to be at the Expence of.)

*At a Quarterly Communication of the most Antient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, under the Constitution of England, The Right Worshipful John Rowe, Esqr Grand Master, held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern, in King Street, Boston, New England, January 28th 5774.

Present.

The Rt Worshipful	John Rowe, Esqr	G. M.
	Henry Price, Esqr	P. G. M.
	Abraham Savage	S. G. W.
	Samuel Fitch, Esqr	J. G. W.
	John Box	P. G. W.
	John Cutler . . .	P. G. W.
	Thomas Brown . .	G. Secry And

The Worshipful Masters, Treasurers, Wardens and Officers of each Lodge in Boston, with many of the Brethren of the Fraternity; they having been all summonsed on special Occasion.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master informed the Lodge the necessity we were under to form a well regulated plan, that our Brethren in distress may always find Relief by applying to this Lodge; for which purpose he proposed, and recommended, that Monies be raised and made into an aggregate Fund, for the Relief of such regular Brethren, their Widows, and Orphans, who, by the Providence of the Almighty Architect may be reduced to low Circumstances and need assistance; That he had drawn his designs for the Work, and doubted not of its being finished in such a masterly manner, as to last while Charity shall be a Virtue.

The beautiful fabrick of Masonry is *Benevolence!* The Pillars which have been and ever will be its support, are *Brotherly Love*, *Relief*, and *Truth;* The design being examined, the Lodge saw from it a prospect of lasting Honor, and Emolument, therefore they chose the five Brethren following, to wit, R. W. Benjamin Church, W. Samuel Barrett Esqr R. W. Samuel Fitch, Esqr R. W. Thomas Aylwin, Esqr and R. W. Abraham Savage, to be a Committee, to prepare the work in such manner as might answer the

desired purposes, and to make report to the Grand Lodge, which Adjourned to Friday the 11th February to receive the same.

The said Committee having drawn up the following Rules, and Regulations, they beg leave to Report, and submit the same to this Right Worshipful Lodge.

Article 1st. A Book shall be opened in this Rt Worshipful Grand Lodge for all voluntary Donations to this Fund of Charity, and kept open at every Meeting, (Feast Days not excepted;) and as many Masons do attend the two Feasts, who are not Members of any particular Lodge, The Rt Worshipful Grand Master, or in his absence The Rt Worshipful Deputy Grand Master will, on every Feast Day, after he has returned Thanks, appoint two Brethren to go to such, requesting their Donations: a Subscription shall also be opened in this Lodge for the Rt Worshipful Grand Officers to sign such Sums as they choose to pay to this Charity Quarterly.

2d. That a Subscription Book shall be opened in every Lodge under this Jurisdiction, that each Brother may Subscribe what Sum he chooses to pay Quarterly; the first payment to be made at subscribing, and so to continue paying during pleasure, one quarter in Advance. And inasmuch As many Brethren may be absent at the time of Quarterly Payments, 'tis expected they will pay their Arrears the next Lodge Night; and 'tis presumed the Hearts of many will be so dilated with this general and lasting plan for Charity, as to make some handsome Donations to set it forward: such Donations shall always be entered in a place distinct from Quarterly Subscriptions.

3d. The Treasurer of each Lodge shall send to the Rt Worshipful Grand Secretary Quarterly, or as soon after as may be convenient, the Money so raised by Donations, or by Subscriptions, with a List of the Donor's Names, and the Sums given by each; also another List of the Subscribers, and the Sums paid by each; that the Money may be placed at Interest, and the Names and Sums of each may be Recorded in the Grand Lodge Books.

4th. No part of the aggregate Stock shall be diminished on any account whatever; but all Grants and Payments of Charity shall be made from the Interest Money only. This Article shall forever be Inviolable.

5th. The Rt Worshipful Grand Master, Rt Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Grand Treasurer, for the time being, together with all Masters of Regular Lodges under this Jurisdiction, shall be the Grand Committee of Charity; The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master in absence of the Rt Worshipful Grand Master, will always take his place and power; and all Masters of Lodges who do not reside in Boston may appoint their Proxies. When the Rt Worshipful Grand Officers and three Masters of Lodges, or their Proxies are present, the majority of Votes shall be final: Five of the foregoing Grand Committee of Charity shall be a Quoram, to act in all cases of emergency; but their determinations must be unanimous. They have power to

approve or otherways of such persons who want to borrow Money, and also of their Sureties; They may determine what part of Interest Money shall lay unaggregating for objects of Charity, examine Petitions, and grant Relief by Warrant under their Hands to the Grand Treasurer, and audit his Accounts, which they must do within a Month of the Election for the next Treasurer.

6th. A Grand Treasurer, and Sub-Grand Treasurer, shall be annually chosen at the Quarterly Communication in January, who must be Brethren of good worldly Substance, nominated by the Rt Worshipful Grand Master, and Elected by Vote of two thirds of the Grand Lodge present. The Grand Treasurers Accounts shall be presented to the Grand Committee of Charity, to be Audited one Month before the next Election. He shall keep a fair Journal of entrys of the Monies he receives, and from whom received; of what Monies are placed at Interest, and paid in Charity, also such other things as are expressed in the 10th Article. No payments must be made but by Warrant signed by a Quoram of the aforesaid Grand Committee of Charity, nor any Monies paid contrary to the 4th Article.

7th. A Grand Secretary shall be annually appointed by the Rt Worshipful Grand Master at the Quarterly Communication in January, who shall attend each Meeting of the aforesaid Grand Committee of Charity, and keep their Votes, and a fair Journal of Entrys of all Monies received; by whom the same was subscribed, whether raised by Donation, Collected, or received for Interest; and of what Sums are placed at Interest; and to whom lent, or paid out in Charity; and also every other matter that need be on Record; He shall transmit to each Lodge annually the state of this Fund of Charity, (as is done by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in England) soon after the Feast of St John the Evangelist; and in case of the Death or Inability of either the Grand Treasurer, Sub-Grand Treasurer, or Grand Secretary, the Survivor or able one shall Summon the Grand Lodge to choose another.

8th. Each Donor, or Subscriber, his Widow, or Orphans, shall have a Right to all the Monies he may give or subscribe and pay, if at any [time] he or they are reduced to indigent Circumstances, and not otherways; The prayers of such shall always be Granted in preference to the Petitions of Non-Subscribers; nevertheless both are subject to the 4th Article.

9th. For all Monies put out to Interest belonging to this Fund, the Borrower shall give his Note of Hand hereafter described, payable to the Grand Treasurer and Sub-Grand Treasurer, with two good Sureties jointly and severally in presence of two Witnesses, and neither the Borrower or Sureties to be Masons, and neither the Borrower or Sureties shall be allowed to have more than the Sum of £100, lawful Money, of the Money belonging to this Fund, in either or all of their Hands at one and the same time; The Grand Treasurer shall also give Receipts to the Grand Secretary

for what Monies and Notes he receives at coming into Office, and for all Cash and every Note he receives during his being in Office, in the forms hereafter described. No Note shall remain unpaid longer than two Months after it becomes due, without being Sued for, unless cause be shewn to the Quoram of the Grand Committee, to their Approbation.

10th. All Relief must be applyed for by Petition to the Rt Worshipful Grand Lodge, under Cover, directed to the Grand Secretary, who shall wait on the Rt Worshipful Grand Master, to know his Judgment and receive directions, either to call the Grand Committee together, or let the Petition lay untill the next Quarterly Communication.

Petitions from persons who belong to Lodges, out of Boston, must always be accompanied with Certificates thereon, signed by the Master and both the Wardens of the Lodge they belonged to, or have frequently visited; that they know the petitioners to be Regular Masons, and fit Objects of this Charity, and that the Allegations in the Petitions are true, adding whether they were Subscribers to this Fund or not, and in what Lodges.

The Widows or Orphans of such Brethren, to entitle them to this Charity, must have Certificates in manner aforesaid, respecting the deceased, setting forth that the Petitioners are the Widows and Orphans of such deceased Brethren, and are proper Objects of Charity; those who are Resident in Boston shall petition in like manner; but in place of a written Certificate, they must have three living Vouchers of good Credit to the truth of what they alledge, who will attend the Grand Committee, and answer such Questions as may be asked; each one will be relieved as the finances will permit, and the exigencys of their Affairs require, due deference being always had to the 3d and 4th Articles.

11th. That such a Number of these Proceedings, and Rules, may be printed, as the Rt Worshipful Grand Lodge shall judge meet; that each Lodge under this Jurisdiction may be furnished with them, accompanied with circular Letters, signed by the Rt Worshipful Grand Master, strongly recommending the plan, and its necessity, and warmly soliciting their Subscriptions, and Payments to their respective Treasurers.

12th None of the foregoing Articles have any connection with, or lay any restraint on Charitable Acts, which any Lodge may choose to make, or on their particular Funds of Charity.

Lastly. These Rules, Regulations, and Proceedings, shall be Inserted at length, at the beginning of every Subscription Book, to be opened in each Lodge, and immediately after shall be added the following form of a Subscription for every Brother who shall think proper to Sign: Vizt.

We, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, have perused the foregoing Rules, Regulations, and Proceedings, which we respectively approve of, and agree to; and accordingly hereby severally promise to pay Quarterly the several Sums, to our respective

Names annexed, to the Treasurer of this Lodge, in manner agreeable to, and for the charitable Uses and Purposes in said Rules and Regulations mentioned and prescribed.

Form of a Note to be given by a Borrower of Money from this Fund:

Boston, 17 . . .

For Value received this Day in Cash, we promise jointly and severally to pay Messrs J. G. and A. S. or order, in twelve Months after Date, Pounds, lawful Money, with lawful Interest from this Date until paid.

A . B .
Test. G . H . C . D .
J . K . E . F .

Form of the Grand Secretary's Letter to the Grand Treasurer:

Sir, Boston, . 17 .

I am directed by the Grand Committee of Charity to inform you, that they esteem A. B. a proper Person to borrow one hundred Pounds of the aggregate Fund for Charity; and they approve of C. D. and E. F. as proper Security's for him, therefore you will please to loan him that Sum in due form, taking those two for his Sureties.

To M^r I am &c.

Form of a Receipt which the Grand Treasurer shall give the Grand Secretary for each Note he has:

Sir, Boston, . 17 .

I have in consequence of your Letter loaned A. B. Pounds, lawful Money, of the Charitable Fund of which I am Treasurer, and have his Note of Hand, payable to me and A. S. jointly, dated this Day, in due form, Signed also by his two sureties C. D. and E.F. which you say are approved of.

Sir,

To M^r. T. B. Grand Secretary. Yours, &c.

J. G.

Form of a Receipt which the new Grand Treasurer shall give the new Grand Secretary:

Sir, Boston, . . . 17 .

I have received of J. G. late Grand Treasurer, the Capital of the Grand Fund of Charity, which is in Cash Pounds,

lawful Money; and a Note of Hand Signed by A. B. and others, for Pounds, like Money, bearing Interest, which I promise for myself, my Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, shall be delivered to A. S. Sub-Grand Treasurer, or my Successor in Office, on demand.

Sir,

Yours, &c.

To Mr Gr: Secry.

Form of a Warrant to the Grand Treasurer:

Sir, BOSTON, 17 .

Pay the Bearer Pounds, lawful Money, out of the Free Masons Interest Money you now have unaggregate. If you have not so much, pay what you have, and write it off on the back of this Warrant, and inform the Bearer when you suppose you shall have enough to pay the remainder; it is for Brother A. B. who is in want, and has been a Subscriber*.

We are,
Your Affectionate Brethren & huml Servts

To Mr J. G.
Boston.

*Or who is in want, and has not been a Subscriber.

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M.
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} A Quoram of the Grand Committee of Charity.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication, held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, on Friday the 29th Day of April 5774.

Present.

The Right Worshipful Abraham Savage S. G. W. as G. M.
Job Prince as S. G. W.
John Box junr as J. G. W.
Thomas Brown G. Secry
Ebenezer Bridgham. Shubael Hewes
Peter Roberts Benjamin Jackson.

VOTED, that a Grant of Five Dollars be paid out of the Stock of the Grand Lodge, to Brosr Benjamin Homans for his Attendance as Tyler from January 5773, to January 5774.

VOTED, that the usual Grant to the Grand Secretary, and the Choice of a Sub-Grand Treasurer be defer'd, 'till St John's Day in June next.

Voted, that Bro^r Prince, Bro^r Savage and Bro^r Bridgham, be a Committee to consider of ways and means for defreying the incidental Expences of the Grand Lodge, and make report at the next Quarterly Communication.

Voted, that the Feast of St John the Baptist be celebrated on Friday the 24th Day of June next, and that Bro^r Roberts, Bro^r Bridgham and Bro^r Box jun^r be a Committee to make Provision for the same.

Bro^r Roberts, Bro^r Bridgham, and Bro^r Gabrael Johonnot, a Committee appointed by this Grand Lodge in October last to solicit Charity for Bro^r Richard Palmes, reported verbally, that they have collected between Sixty and Seventy Dollars; Voted, that the said Committee be further directed to dispose of the said Money for the benefit of the Petitioner and his Family, in such manner as to them may appear expedient, and make report of their Proceedings.

The Lodges within this Jurisdiction were called over in due Form.

Collected	£1 ,, 3 ,, 4
Paid Brother Ingersoll's Bill for the Reckoning	,, 13 ,, 10½
Balance	0 ,, 9 ,, 5½

Tuesday December 27th 1774, being the Festival of St John the Evangelist, the same was celebrated at the House of Bro^r Joseph Ingersoll, the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, where the following Brethren were present.—

John Rowe Esqr	G. M.
Abrah^m Savage,	S. G. W.
Saml Fitch Esqr	J. G. W.
Jos^h Gardner,	G. T.
Arch^d McNeill,	P. G. W.
Eben^r Bridgham	Peter Roberts
Richard Salter	Willm Gooch
James Otis Esqr	Nathl Patten
John Box.	Thos Fleet
Jon^a Snelling.	Jos^h Russell
Mungo Mackey	Job Wheelwright
Benj^a Barnard	Jos^h Ingersoll
Robert Fowle	John Inman
Matth^w Hutchins	Edwd Carnes

Expence to each for the Feast £3 ,, 6 ,, 8 Old Tenor.

At the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston on Friday the 27th Day of Janu^y 5775.

Present.

The Right Worshipful	Richard Gridley Esqr	D. G. M. as G. M.
	Abraham Savage,	S. G. W.
	John Cutler,	P. G. W. as J. G. W.
	Joseph Gardner,	G. T.
	Thomas Brown,	G. S.
Masters Lodge.	John Box,	M.
	Job Prince,	S. W.
	Edward Carnes,	J. W.
First Lodge.	Nathl Patten,	M.
	Shubael Hewes,	S. W.
	Jos^{h} Russell,	J. W.
Second Lodge.	Richd Salter,	M.
	Saml Lloyd,	J. W.
Rising Sun Lodge.	Peter Roberts	
	Amos Windship.	

This being the Season for Electing Grand Officers, The R. W. Bro^{r} Richard Gridley Esqr was nominated by R. W. Bro^{r} Savage to be D. G. M. for the ensuing Year, and at his own request a Ballot was prepared; when our said R. W. Bro^{r} Gridley was unanimously Ballotted in Deputy Gr: Master.

The R. W. Bro^{r} Samuel Fitch Esqr J. G. W. was constituted S. G. W. and the R. W. Bro^{r} John Joy was constituted J. G. W. for the ensuing Year.

The R. W. Doct^{r} Joseph Gardner was again nominated and unanimously Ballotted in Grand Treasurer for the ensuing Year.

The R. W. Bro^{r} Job Prince was nominated and unanimously Ballotted in Sub-Grand Treasurer for the ensuing Year.

The R. W. Bro^{r} Thomas Brown was again appointed Grand Secretary for the ensuing Year.

Bro^{r} Benjamin Homans was again appointed Grand Tyler for the ensuing Year.

VOTED, That there be Granted and Paid to the Grand Secretary, Eight Pounds lawful Money for his Services for two Years past.

VOTED, That there be Granted and Paid to the Tyler One Pound four Shillings for his Services the Year past.

A Letter from Union Lodge N° 5, at Nantucket was read and VOTED that the same be Recorded.

Collected	2 ,, 6 ,, 8
Paid Bro^{r} Ingersoll's Bill for the Reck^{g} . .	2 ,, — ,, —
Balance .	,, 6 ,, 8

Union Lodge N° 5 Nantucket
28th Decembr 5774.

Worshipfull Brother

I am directed agreeable to our Deputation to inform the Right Worshipfull, the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, that in our Lodge preceeding the Celebration of the Feast of St John the Evangelist, we proceeded to the Election of Officers for the Year ensuing; when we made Choice of the Following, vizt R. W. B. Timothy Folger Esqr Master. W. B° Christopher Hussey Senr Treasurer; and George Calder, S. W. John Bearde, J. W. Nathl Barrett S. D. John Gardner J. D. and Silvanus Pinkham and Jonathan Jenkins, Stewards.

On the 27th Decembr we met at the Lodge Room to celebrate the Feast of St John, from whence we proceeded in Procession to the Revd Mr Shaws Meeting House, where the Beauties of Masonry, the infinite Profit & Advantage of Brotherly Love and Unity, were learnedly, elegantly & politely displayed in a Sermon, to a numerous and respectable Audience, by our Brother Zebulon Butler, the Subject whereof he made, Psalm 133d, Verse 1st "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity." We then proceeded to a convenient place, where we dined together as Brethren; from whence we walked back to the Lodge Room in Masonick Procession; the whole conducted with the greatest order, decency & propriety.

We have opened a Subscription for the Grand Fund of Charity, but by reason of the precariousness of the Times have thought proper to desist from collecting any Money on that head for the present. The Grand Lodge may be assured of the exertion of the utmost of our Abilities to further all such noble and generous Designs. I am also directed to inform you the number of our Members is Sixty-five; which increase very fast, God grant that neither Ambition, Lust of Power, Faction, Discontent or any other Offspring of the fatal Enemy of Masons may prevail to disunite the Hearts of Brethren, or prevent the increase of Unity, Love and Concord amongst us, or in any other manner abate the Ardour, with which I am your Affectionate Brother & huml Servant.

by order of the Right Worshipfull Master and Brethren
Christopher Hussey Junr Secry

P.S. the R. W. and Brethren doth request the favour of your inserting our Procession &c in the News Papers.

℘ C. H. Secry

Mr Thomas Brown.

At a meeting of Members of the Grand Lodge, at *Brother Sam Dunns house Feb*^{y} 17. 1787.

Present.

R. W.	Richard Gridly,	D. G. M.
"	John Cutler	S. G. W.
W.	Nathaniel Patten	M. M. Lodge.
"	Joseph Gardner,	G. Treasurer.
"	Charles Sigourney,	G. S.
"	Samuel Dunn,	M. S^{t} [John's] Lodge.
"	Joseph Coolidge &	Sam Gridly Wardens.
"	Mungo Mackay	Past G. Officers.
"	Samuel Parkman	Past G. Officers.

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty GOD to take hence, our dear & well beloved Grand Master John Rowe Esqr the G. Lodge desirous of Manifesting their Respect & Affection for him agree to Attend his funeral *in due form*, and that the several Lodges in this Town & Charlestown be Invited to Attend on the same sorrowful Occasion, and

Voted That Wp. Brother Cutler, Gardner & Patten be a Committee to wait on Mrs Rowe to know if tis Agreeable to her, that *The free Masons* walk in Procession at the funeral, and Voted, That they, together wth Brother Prince, Mackay & Dunn be a Comittee to Arrange & Superintend the funeral Procession.

Voted, That the Committe furnish Two doz Aprons & Two dozen Pair Gloves, which the Treasurer is directed to pay for.

At a Grand Lodge held at Bunch Grapes, Aug 4. 5787.

Present.

R. Wp.	Richard Gridley	D. G. M.	R.W p	John Cutler. . .	S.G.W.
"	Nathl Patten . . .	M. M. L.	" "	Samuel Dunn . .	P.M.
"	James Jackson,	P. M.	" "	Scarboro Gridley	P.M.
"	Samuel Parkman	G. S.	" "	Samuel Gridley	

R. Wp. Thomas Prince.

Voted, That John Cutler & Nath Patten Esqr be a Committee to transact the prudential affairs of this Lodge.

Voted, That Joseph Gardner our Treasurer be directed to pay into their hands the sum which may be due to Thomas Brown late Secretary of this Lodge & any other Expences which they may be at in Obtaining from him the Books, Papers & Jewells in his hands belonging to the Lodge and also Three & half dollars to Jno Jones

in full for his Services as Toiler. Voted, That the above Committee write a Circular Letter to all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, requiring their Attendance at the Grand Lodge, to Assist in Choosing Grand Officers agreeable to the Constitution.

The Lodge was Closed in due Form.

At a Grand Lodge held at Concert Hall in Boston on Fryday the 29th July 5790.

Present.

Rt Worshipful John Cutler Esqr S. G. W. as Grand Master.
R. Worshipful Samuel Dunn P. M. as Junior Warden.
R. Worshipful Mungo Mackay P. M. as Senior G. Warden.
R. Worshipful Samuel Parkman P. S. W. as Grand Secretary.
Joseph Coolidge P. S. W. Thomas Dennie P. M.
Richard Salter P. M.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, in his Wisdom, to take hence, The Right Worshipful Grand Master and many other of the Grand Officers of this Lodge, The Brethren present takeing the same into their Serious Consideration,

Voted, Unanimously, to proceed to the Choice of new G. Officers.

Our Rt Wpful John Cutler S. G. W. being in the Chair. R. Wpful Samuel Dunn Esqr being Balloted for was Unanimously Elected Junior Grand Warden. Rt Wpful Mungo Mackay Esqr being Balloted for, was also Elected Grand Treasurer. R Wpful Samuel Parkman being Balloted for was also Elected Grand Secretary.

Voted, That the Right Worshipful Brethren John Cutler Esqr Wpful Mungo Mackay, Samuel Dunn & Samuel Parkman be a Comittee to Settle the Account with the Exōrs of Joseph Gardner Esqr dec'd our late dear Brother & Treasurer, and they are Impowered to Receive the Ballance due to this Grand Lodge & in our name give full & Sufficient discharge therefor. Voted, That after Paying the debts of the Lodge — the Stock be laid out in Continental Funds for the benefit of the Lodge.

The Lodge was then Closed in due Form.

To the most worshipful the Grand Lodge of St Johns in Boston, Right Worshipful Brethren.

At a Special Lodge of the Rising Sun held at Brother Colmans on Friday the 11th Instt it was unanimously voted, that a memorial be presented to the Grand Lodge praying that their Lodge may be incorperated with the other Lodges, of St Johns, & that Brothers

John Flemming, Amos Windship, Dudley Colman, Lewis Hayt, & Thomas Farrington, be a Committee, to draw up, Sign, & present, the same.

We therefore the Committee above named knowing, and being fully assured, that the Lodge have only in View, the good of Masonary in general, (in the proposed union) the promotion & enlargement of Brotherly Love, and Charity, Do in consiquence of the power vested in us solicit, the Right worshipful Deputy Grand Master to Summons as soon as conveniently may be, a grand Lodge for the purpose of taking this our request into Consideration, and agreeable to true masonic principals to unite *us*, with the Lodges of St Johns — in such manner & under such Regulations, as they in their wisdom shall deem most proper, and most Conducive to the purposes herein mentioned.

(Signed)
Boston this 15th day of Novem^r^ 5791.

JOHN FLEMMING
DUDLEY COLMAN
LEWIS HAYT
THO^S^ FARRINGTON
} Committee.

At a Grand Lodge of St John,
held at Bunch Grapes in Boston November 25. 5791.

Present.	R. W. John Cutler Esqr in the Chair.	
	R. W. Samuel Dunn [as]	S. G. W.
	R. W. Mungo Mackay [as]	J. G. W.
	R. W. Richard Salter	P. M.
	R. W. Thomas Dennie	P. M.
	R. W. Christ^o^ Clarke	S. M. L.
	R. W. Samuel Parkman	G. S.

A Petition was received from the Rising Sun Lodge praying to be United with St Johns. The Grand Lodge takeing the same into Consideration. It was *Voted* to grant the Prayer of the Petition & to Admit all the regular Members of that Lodge to be members of S^t^. Johns, and that the Charter & Jewels be deposited with our Senior Grand Warden — John Cutler Esqr

Voted. That the Secretary furnish R. Wp John Fleming Master of the Rising Sun Lodge, with a Coppy of this Vote & request him to Warn the brethren of that Lodge to meet with St Johns Lodge, at this place on *Wednesday* next preceeding the Festival of St John at 6 °clock in Evening. At which time the Officers will be chosen for the Insuing Year & to transact any other Business which may come regularly before the Lodge.

The Lodge was then Close^d^ in due Form.

BOSTON Jany 13. 1792.

The following Vote Pass'd in the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, a Coppy of which was this day Communicated by Brother M. M. Hayes:

At a meeting of Massachusetts Grand Lodge and Quarterly Communication held at Concert Hall monday evening Decr 5th 5791.

Voted That a Committee of Seven be appointed agreeably to the Spirit of a Vote of this Grand Lodge passed March 2^{d} 5791, to Confer with the Officers of St Johns Grand Lodge, upon the subject of a Compleat Masonic Union throughout this Commonwealth and that the Said Committee report as soon as may be Convenient.

Committee Brother M. M. Hays
" John Warren
" Paul Revere
" Josiah Bartlett
" William Schollay
" John Lowell
" Joseph Laughton

Attest.
(signed)
Joseph Laughton
G^{d} Secr^{y}

In consequence of the forgoing a Special Grand Lodge of St John was called at Brother Colmans Jany 18. 1792.

R. Wp. John Cutler S. G. W. in the Chair.

Voted That a Committee of seven, be choose to Confer with the above Committee from Massachusetts Grand Lodge & promote the propose^{d} Union, provided it can be done on true masonic principles, & that John Cutler, Samuel Parkman, Mungo Mackay, Samuel Dunn, John Foster Williams, Thomas Dennie & Wm Shaw be the Committee.

At a meeting of the Committee aforesaid at the house of Brother Samuel Parkman Feby 10 1792. all the members being present,

This Committee takeing into Consideration the present derange^{d} State of Masonry in this Commonwealth, Occasion^{d} by the Death of many of the Grand Officers, and Neglecting for many Years to appoint others in their room, and also taking into their Consideration the proposal from the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, to confer with us, on the propriety of a perfect Union of the Two Lodges. The Committee haveing duly debated on the Subject,

Voted That such a Union would be for the benefit of Masonry in General, and for the happiness of the Lodges in this Common Wealth in particular.

Voted, To meet the aforesaid Committee from the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, as soon as convenient to Consult & Agree on the most Suitable Mode of Union, being perfectly Satisfied from Examining the Book of our Constitutions, that we have full Power & right to Agree to such Union, and when United, to proceed to the choice of all Officers, necessary to Rule the Lodge.

At the Grand Lodge held at Bunch Grapes in Boston March 2 5792.

R. W. John Cutler in the Chair.

Brothers Samuel Dunn Senior Grand Warden and Mungo Mackay Jun Grand Warden, for reasons by them offer'd was permitted to resign the Jewel of their respective Offices, which was Accepted, and R. W Brother Cutler was please[d] to appoint W. Brother Samuel Barrett Senior Grand Warden

" Job Prince, Junior Grand Warden and they were Invested with the Jewels of the Respective Offices accordingly.

The Committee appointed by this Lodge to confer with a Committee of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge on the Principles of a perfect Union of the Two Lodges,

Report, That haveing had several meetings on the Subject have Agreed that the proposed *Union* take place as soon as convenient, and when *United* to proceed to the Choice of Grand Officers for the present Year, and, that the choice may be made with that perfect harmony which has ever prevail'd in the Lodges, it is Recommended to the Respective Lodges to appoint Electors from Each Lodge, at a meeting which shall be had for that Purpose, and those Electors shall appoint the first Grand Officers.

The Joint Committee have in pursuance of the trust repose[d] in them, proceeded to draft a number of Rules & Regulations for the Government of the Lodge, which they Recommend to the deliberation of the Lodge — Which being read by the Secretary It was Unanimously

Voted To Accept the Report of the Comittee, and that a Special Grand Lodge be held at this place on Monday next to carry the same into effect.

At a Grand Lodge held at Bunch Grapes in Boston March 5 5792.

Present.

R. W. John Cutler	D. G. M.
R. W. Samuel Barret	P. G. W.
Wp Job Prince	P. J. W.
" Richard Salter	S. G. W.
" Thomas Dennie	J. G. W.
" James Jackson	M. M. L.
" Samuel Dunn	M S[t] [John's] L.
" Mungo Mackay	P. G. W.
" Thomas Farrington	P. M.
" William Shaw	W. S[t] [John's] L.
" Samuel Parkman	G. Sec[y]

Wp Brother Samuel Barratt requested leave to resign the Senior G. Wardens Jewell, which was permitted from the Chair, when R. W. Brother Cutler was please[d] to call up Brother *Richard Salter*, and, with the Usual Ceremonies on that Solemn Occasion, Invested him with the Senior Wardens Jewel,

Wp Brother Job Prince, likewise requested leave to resign the Junior Wardens Jewel, which was also permitted, and Brother *Thomas Dennie*, with like Solemnity, was Invested with the Junior Wardens Jewell.

Agreeable to the Constitution, the Lodge proceeded to the Choice of Seven Electors, and the following Brethren were Chosen,

Samuel Dunn	James Jackson
Samuel Barratt	William Shaw
Thomas Farrington	Thomas Dennie

Job Prince.

The Question being put, shall we now Proceed to the choice of Candidates for Officers of the Grand Lodge, which pass'd in the Affirmative, the following Brethren being Nominated, were Appointed.

R. Wpf John Cutler Esqr	Grand Master-Elect
" James Jackson	Senior G. W.
" Samuel Dunn	Junior G. W.
" Samuel Parkman	G. Treasurer
" Thomas Farrington	G. Sect^{y}

Voted. That the Treasurer be directed to Settle all Accounts of the Lodge & pay any debts which the Lodge may Owe.

Voted. That the Treasurer Pay the Ballance to the Treasurer of the first Lodge, to be kept as a fund in that Lodge.

Voted. The Thanks of this Lodge to Right Worshipful Brother John Cutler Esqr for his faithful services for many Years past.

Brothers Bartlett, Scollay & Bradford, a Comittee from the Mass^{a} Grand Lodge, being Introduced, Inform^{d} the Lodge, that they had Compleated their business & their Electors were in waiting to Join in Convention to Choose Officers for the Grand Lodge, the Comitte haveing withdrawn, It was

Voted. That the Electors on the part of this Lodge Proceed to the Business Assign^{d} them — and after being absent about half an hour, they Return^{d} and reported, the Brothers who met in Convention were

Brothers Paul Revere (Chairman) Samuel Barrat, James Jackson, Samuel Dunn, Job Prince, Thomas Dennie, William Shaw, Thomas Farrington, John Lowell, William Scollay, Samuel Bradford, William Little, Aaron Dexter, & Caleb Swan, who agreeable to the Constitution, and with great Unanimity & Brotherly Affection made Choice of the following Brethren, as the *first Officers* of The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient & Honble Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the Common wealth of Massachusetts:

M. Wpf John Cutler Esqr	Grand Master.
R. Wpf Josiah Bartlet	S. Grand Warden.
R. Wpf Mungo Mackay	J. G. Warden.
" Samuel Parkman	G. Treas^{r}.
" Thomas Farrington	G. Secrt^{y}.

The Lodge was then Closed in due Form.

Proceedings of Massachusetts Grand Lodge from its Commencement under Most Worshipful Joseph Warren, Grand Master, in the year of Masonry, 5769, Anno Domini 1769.

At the Assembly and Feast held at Boston in N: England at Masons Hall on Wednesday Decr 27. 5769.

Present

The Most Worshipfull Joseph Warren Esqr
Grand Master Elect. ——

The Master, Wardens & Brethren of St Andrew's Lodge.

The Master & Wardens of Lodge N° 58 of the Registry of England.

The Master & Wardens of Lodge N° 322 of the Registry of Ireland.

A Commission from the R^{t} Honble and Most Wpfull George Earl of Dalhousie Grand Master of Masons in Scotland bearing date the Thirtieth day of May A.D. 1769 & of Masonry 5769. appointing the Most Worshipful Joseph Warren Esq. to be Grand Master of Masons in Boston New England & within One hundred Miles of the same, was read.

The Brethren then proceeded in ample form to install The Most Wpfull Joseph Warren Grand Master of Ancient Free & accepted Masons in Boston &c. After which the following Brethren were nominated by the Most Wpfull G^{d} Master & unanimously elected as Grand Officers for the Year ensuing — Viz^{t}:

Jeremiah French Esq. Capt. in 29th Reg^{t}	Senr G^{d} Warden
Ponsonby Molesworth Esq. . do . .	Junr G^{d}. Warden
William Palfrey (by proxy)	G^{d} Secretary
Thomas Crafts	G^{d} Treasurer
Joseph Webb	G^{d} Marshall
Paul Revere	S: G. Deacon
Saml Danforth	J: G Deacon
Thos Urann, Caleb Hopkins	G^{d} Stewards
Edward Proctor	G^{d} Sword bearer

At a Grand Lodge held in ample Form at Masons Hall Jany 12. 5770.

Present

Most Wpfull Jos Warren	G. M.	
Jos: Webb	S. G. W.	pro tempº
Moses Deshon	J. G. W.	pro tempº
John Lowell	G. S:	pro tempº
Paul Revere	S. G. D.	
Samˡ Danforth	J. G. D.	
Thomas Urrann	Gᵈ Stewards.	
Caleb Hopkins	Gᵈ Stewards.	
Samˡ Barrett	M.	Sᵗ Andrews Lodge
Jonᵃ Snelling	S. W.	Sᵗ Andrews Lodge
Edwᵈ Burbeck	J W	Sᵗ Andrews Lodge
Wᵐ Davis	P. M.	Lodge Nº 58
Wᵐ Whitley	S. W.	Lodge Nº 58
John Ridings	J. W.	Lodge Nº 58
Chaˢ Chambers	M	Lodge Nº 322
James Brown	S. W	Lodge Nº 322
Wᵐ McMullen	J W.	Lodge Nº 322

Resolv'd themselves into a Committee of the whole Lodge & appointed Moses Deshon Esq. Chairman.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge be held on the first Fridays in March, June, September & December.

Voted, That the consideration of a method to support the Gᵈ Lodge be deferr'd until the first Friday in March, unless instructions should arrive from the Grand Lodge of Scotland before that time.

pd for the Reckoning . . . £ 1,, 2,, — LMy.

At a GRAND LODGE held in ample Form at Masons Hall March 2ᵈ 5770 . . Friday Evening.

Present.

The Most Wpfull Jos: Warren Esqʳ	G M.	
William Burbeck	S G W	pro tempº
Joseph Webb	J. G W	pro tempº
Wᵐ Palfrey	G. S.	
Thoˢ Crafts	G. Treasʳ	
Paul Revere	S G Deacon	
Samˡ Danforth	J G Deacon	
Thoˢ Urann &	G. Stewᵈˢ	
Caleb Hopkins	G. Stewᵈˢ	
Samˡ Barrett	M	Sᵗ Andrews Lodge
Moses Deshon	P. M.	Sᵗ Andrews Lodge
Jonᵃ Snelling	S. W.	Sᵗ Andrews Lodge
Edwᵈ Burbeck	J W	Sᵗ Andrews Lodge
John Wright	M	Lodge Nº 58
Willᵐ Davis	P. M.	Lodge Nº 58
Willᵐ Whitley	S. W.	Lodge Nº 58
John Ridings	J W	Lodge Nº 58

Chas Chambers	M	Lodge 322
James Brown	S. W	
W^{m} McMullin	J W	
John Lowell		
Miles Prentice.		

Voted That the following Brethren be a Committee to prepare a body of Laws for the regulation of the Grand Lodge, Viz^{t}, Joseph Webb, Wm Burbeck & Ezra Collins for St Andrews Lodge, William Davis [for] Lodge N° 58, James Brown for Lodge N° 322.

A Petition from Brothers, Phillip Marett, Andrew Fan Phillips, John Fletcher, Andrew Gidding, George Brown, David Parker, Barnett Harkin & Epes Sargent jun^{r} Ancient free & accepted Masons resident in Glocester New England dated Feby 23. 1770. praying for a dispensation to be erected into a regular Lodge being read — thereupon —

Voted That a dispensation be granted said brethren, they obliging themselves to pay such fees for the same as shall hereafter be stipulated by the Grand Lodge — the s^{d} Lodge to be called by the Name of the Tyrian Lodge.

A Petition of Thos Alexander, Miles Prenties & John Coleman, not dated, praying to be erected into a new Lodge, was read —

Voted That said petition be dismiss'd.

Voted That Brother Crafts G^{d} Treasurer, be directed to purchase a Book for the records of the Grand Lodge.

reckoning not paid . . . . . ,, 2,, 8^{d}.

At a meeting of the GRAND LODGE on a special occasion, in ample form at Masons Hall on Friday Evening May 11. 5770.

Present.

The most Wpfull Jos: Warren Esq	G M.	
Moses Deshon	S G W	pro-temp^{o}
Saml Barrett	J G W	
Willm Palfrey	G. Sec^{y}	
Saml Danforth	S G D.	pro temp^{o}
Thos Urann	J G D	

The Question was put whether the petition of Bro^{rs} Alexander, Prenties & Coleman be reconsider'd this Evening.

Voted in the Negative Unanimously.

A Petition of Brothers Joseph Tyler, William Palfrey, Ja^{s} Jackson, John Hill, John Jeffries, Nath Cudworth, Isaac Rand & Joshua Loring praying that they might be erected into a New Lodge to be held in Boston under the title of the MASSACHUSETTS LODGE, was read & thereupon

VOTED that the consideration of s^{d} petition be deferr'd till Monday next at 3 o'Clock P.M. & that the Most Wpfull Grand Master be desir'd to issue special summonss for the purpose. —

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY as the opinion of this Lodge, that whenever Summons's are issued for convening a G^{d} Lodge by the Grand

Master or his direction, and the Grand Lodge in consequence thereof is congregated, the same is to all intents & purposes a legal Grand Lodge, however few in Number, & as such may with the strictest propriety proceed to business.

reckoning not paid . . . . . ,, 8 ,, 0 —

At a Meeting of the GRAND LODGE in ample Form at Masons Hall on Monday May 13, 5770.

Present.

The Most Wpfull Joseph Warren Esq.		G. M. ———	
Wm Burbeck		S G W } pro tempo .	Nay
Jos Webb		J G W } .	Nay
Wm Palfrey		G S	——
Thos Crafts		G T	Yea
Saml Danforth		S. G D	Yea
Thos Urann		J G D	Nay
Caleb Hopkins		G Stewd	Yea
Edwd Proctor		G Swd bearer . . .	Yea
Sam Barrett	M	}	Yea
Moses Deshon	P. M.	}	Yea
Ezra Collins	P. M.	} of St Andrews Lodge	Yea
Jona Snelling	S W	}	Yea
Edwd Burbeck	J W	}	Nay

At the request of Brother Moleworth J G W, a motion was made to grant to sd Brother Molesworth a Letter of recommendation from the Gd Lodge, and the same was voted Unanimously.

VOTED That a like Letter be granted to Br Jera French S. G W. if he should apply for it to the Gd Secry

The petition of Brother Tyler & others was again read, — & a motion being made that previous to taking the same into consideration, the Commission of the Gd Master should be read.

VOTED that sd Commission be read.

VOTED that the consideration of the petition of Brors Alexander and others be deferr'd to next Grand Lodge Night.

After a debate upon the Subject of the petition of Brother Tyler and others the Question was put whether the prayer of the same be granted. the Lodge was divided as follows, —

For the Question 8
Against it 4
reckoning paid by the Massachusetts Lodge.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge in ample Form Friday June 1, 1770.

Present.

Most Wpful Joseph Warren	G M.
Joseph Webb . . .	S G W
Moses Deshon . . .	J. G. W
Wm Palfrey	G. S.

Thos Crafts	G T.
Saml Danforth	S G D
Caleb Hopkins	J G D
John Hill	G Stewards
Thos Urann	G Stewards
Joseph Tyler M.	Massachusetts Lodge.
Wm Palfrey S W	Massachusetts Lodge.
Jno Hill J W	Massachusetts Lodge.

A Petition of Thos Alexander, John Coleman, John McCracken & John Stewart: praying to be erected into a New Lodge was read, & thereupon order'd.

That the petitioners be directed to attend.

After being admitted & heard in support of their petition The Grand Lodge took the same into consideration & thereupon

VOTED Unanimously. That it appears to this Grand Lodge that the erection of a new Lodge in this Town is at present totally unnecessary, & that therefore their petition be dismiss'd.

A Motion was made & seconded that Brother Crafts, & Br Jos Webb be a Committee to prepare an estimate of the necessaries for the Grand Lodge & report the same at the next meeting.

VOTED That a new Committee be chosen to prepare a Body of By Laws for the regulation of the Grand Lodge. Viz

Rt Wpfuls Joseph Tyler, Saml Danforth, Wm Burbeck, Wm Palfrey, Jos: Webb.

The Question was put whether it be the minds of the Gd Lodge to celebrate the Feast of St John the Baptist.

pass'd in the Negative.

Reckoning not paid,

14/8 L My.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge in ample Form at Concert Hall Friday Evening Augt 10. 1770.

Present.

Most Wpfull Joseph Warren	G M.
Joseph Webb	D G M
Moses Deshon	S G W
Ezra Collins	J G W
Wm Palfrey	G S
Jons Snelling	G. T.
Paul Revere	G D:
Saml Danforth	Do
Thos Urann	Gd Stewards
Caleb Hopkins	Gd Stewards
Joseph Tyler	
James Jackson.	

And the Brethren of the Massachusetts Lodge.

Brother Joseph Tyler being among his fellows, was call'd out by

the Grand Master, and after being unanimously approv'd by the Brethren of the Massachusetts Lodge, he was in due form install'd by the Grand Master & proclaim'd,

R^{t} Wpfull Br^{o} Joseph Tyler Master of the Massachusetts Lodge. A Record was then order'd to be made by the G^{d} Secretary, after which the following Officers were nominated & install'd Viz^{t}—

William Palfrey	Senr Warden
James Jackson	Junr Warden
Joshua Loring	Secretary
Nathl Cudworth	Treasurer
John Jeffries	jun^{r} Deacon
John Hill	Senr Deacon.

The Evening concluded with that social festivity which becomes good Masons.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge in ample Form at the Masons Arms on Friday Evening Oct^{t} 14. 1770.

Present.

The Most Worshipful	Joseph Warren	Grand Master.
	Joseph Webb . .	D. G M
	Jon^{a} Snelling . . .	J G W
	Jos : Tyler . . .	S. G. W } Master of Mass^{a}
	Wm Palfrey . . .	G S
	Thos Crafts . . .	G T
	Thos Urann . . .	J G D
	Paul Revere . . .	S G D
	John Jeffries	} for Massachusetts
	Saml Gardner	} Lodge.

A petition of Thomas Alexander, James Thompson, John Coleman, James Wallace, John Stewart, and Alexander Cruikshanks desiring to be erected into a new Lodge and thereupon

ORDER'D that the petitioners be desired to attend the Lodge.

After being heard in support of their petition they withdrew and the Grand Lodge took the same into consideration and thereupon

VOTED that the consideration of s^{d} petition be deferr'd till next Grand Lodge Night in order to give the Grand Lodge time to enquire into the Character of the petitioners.

Brother Revere produced a deputation from the Tyrian Lodge appointing him their proxy which was read & Unanimously accepted.

VOTED Unan: That it be recommended to the several Lodges under this jurisdiction to pass a Vote at their next meeting to send by their representatives to the Grand Lodge at their quarterly communication the Sum of twelve Shillings Lawful Money and to continue the same at every succeeding quarterly communication

until it shall be otherwise ordered, and that the G S: notify them accordingly.

VOTED to inform St Andrews Lodge their Junr Warden has been absent 3 Nights.

VOTED that the Brethren of St Andrews Lodge be desired to favour the Grand Lodge with the use of their Room & Utensils.

Reckoning not paid.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge in ample form at Masons Hall Fryday Evening Decr 7. 1770.

Present.

M: Wpfull Jos: Warren Esqr	G. . M
Jos: Webb	S. . G. . W.
Moses Deshon	J. . G. . W
Wm Palfrey	G. . S.
Paul Revere	S. . G. . D: Mr of St Andw & Tyrian Lodge.
Saml Danforth	J. . G. . D: & S. W of Tyrian Lodge.
Edwd Burbeck	S W } St Andrews
John Lowell	J W } St Andrews
Stephen Bruce	J. . W. Tyrian Lodge
James Jackson	M. } Massts Lodge.
John Jeffries	S. . W. } Massts Lodge.
Saml Gardner	J. . W. } Massts Lodge.
Thomas Urann	Steward
Edwd Procter	G. . Sword Bearer
Ezra Collins	P. . M. —

Br Paul Revere presented from St Andrews Lodge the followg List of Officers for the Year ensuing.

At St Andrews Lodge held at Masons Hall Novr 30th 1770 the followg Officers were chosen for the year insuing. — — Vizt

Rt Wpfull Paul Revere	Mastr
Edwd Burbeck	S. . W.
Jno Lowell	J. . W
Saml Barrett	T
Jas Carter	Secry
Asa Stoddard	S. Deacon
Winp Gray	J D —
Jno Gray	} Stewds
Josiah Waters	} Stewds
Saml Webb	} Stewds

Br Palfrey from Massatts Do

At a Meeting of the Massatts Lodge held at Concert Hall on Monday 3d Decr A.D. 1770 A.M. 5770. the followg Brethren were chose to serve as officers for the year ensuing, Vizt.

Rt Wpfull	Wm Palfrey	Mr
	James Jackson	S. W
	John Jeffries	J. W
	Nathanl Cudworth	Tr
	Wm Codner	Sy
	Saml Gardner	S. D
	John Langdon	J. D.
	Jeremiah Webb	Stewds
	Francis Shaw	
	Natl Tucker	

Br Revere reported from St Andrews & the Tyrian Lodge that they agreed to send two dollrs to the G. Lodge.

Br Palfrey from Massatts ditto.

John Stewart one of the petitioners for a New Charter applied the next morng for their petition which they withdrew [and] did not attend this Evening.

VOTED, That a Committee attend St Andrews Lodge to request the use of their Utensils — followg Committee — consist of three Br Collins, Br Danforth, Br Procter.

	s	d
Reckg pd	14/	8
Tiler pd	3/	4

VOTED Unan. That the feast of St John the Evangelist be celebrated by the Lodges under this jurisdiction.

Br Revere for St Andrews & Tyrian Lodges pd 12/ each.
Br Palfrey for Massatts pd do

Voted, That the Gd Stewards with the Stewards of each Lodge be a Committee to agree for & provide a dinner for the festival of St John the Evangelist — & that Br Procter be added to the Committee.

Voted, That Br Revere cut a Seal for their Gd Lodge & that the Money arrising from the Charters of the Massatts and Tyrian Lodge be paid him on acct.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge in due form at the feast of St John the evangelist at Masons Hall Decr 27. 1770.

Present.

GRAND LODGE.

Jos: Webb	G..W	pro tem.y
Moses Deshon	S..G..W	pro tem.y
Ezra Collins	J..G..W	pro tem.y
Thomas Crafts	G..T	
James Carter	G..S	pro tem.y
John Symmes	G..D	pro tem.y
Thomas Knox	J..D	pro tem.y
Thomas Urann	Stewds	
Caleb Hopkins	Stewds	

ST ANDREWS LODGE.

Paul Revere	M
John Lowell	S. W.
Winp Gray	J. W.
Samuel Barrett	T.

MASSATTS LODGE.

Jos. Tyler,	M.
James Jackson	S. W.
Saml Gardner	J. W

Thomas Chace	G..S..B	Joshua Loring	T.
Sam[l] Sumner	G..T.	Nat[l] Tucker Fran[s] Shaw	Stew[ds]
		Sam[l] Bradstreet	D.

Brethren of the several Lodges present at the Feast.

Benj[a] Ingersoll	Charles Ackworth
Alex[r] Gray	John Wallis
James White	Thomas Wells
Moses Dorran	Edw[d] Blake
John Gray	B[r] Silvere
George Abbott	Jonathan Snelling
John Gore	John Piemont.
Stephen Bruce	

Received for 36 persons as above, & paid B[r] Fitzgerald.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge in ample Form at the Masons Arms Friday Evening March 1st 5771.

Present.

The most Worshipful Joseph Warren Grand Master.

Joseph Webb	S. G. W pro temp[o]
Moses Deshon	J G W pro temp[o]
John Lowell	G. S pro temp[o] & J. W of S[t] Andrews Lodge.
Samuel Barrett	G Tr[r] pro temp[o]
Paul Revere	S. G. D & M of Tyrian & S[t] Andrews Lodges.
Sam[l] Danforth	J. G. D & S. W of Tyrian Lodge
Thomas Urann	G. Steward
Ezra Collins	P. M
Jon[a] Snelling	
Edward Burbeck	S. W. of S[t] Andrews Lodge
Stephen Bruce	J. W of Tyrian Lodge
Joseph Tyler	M. Massachusetts Lodge.
James Jackson	S. W Massachusetts Lodge.

Brother Samuel Barrett p[d] for S[t] Andrews Lodge . .	,, 12 —
Paul Revere for Tyrian Lodge	,, 12 —
Joseph Tyler for Massachusetts Lodge . .	,, 12 —
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VOTED That three large Candles be bo't for the Grand Lodge.

The most Wpful appoints the following Officers.

B[r] W[m] Burbeck	D. G. M.
B[r] Jos: Webb	S. G. W.
B[r] Moses Deshon	J. G. W.

Information being made in the Grand Lodge that Masons were made in Lodge N° 58 held in the 14th Reg[t] for a less Sum than the Constitution allows,

VOTED, That a notification be sent to the Master & Wardens of Lodge N° 58 held in the 14th Regt informing them that information had been made in the Grand Lodge, that Masons were made in Lodge N° 58 for a less Sum than the constitution allows, and desiring their attendance at the Grand Lodge on the Evening of the first Friday in June next at Masons Arms when they will have an opportunity to answer to said information.

Reckg. pd	1 ,, 2 ,, 8	
Tyler pd	,, 3 ,, 4	
		1 ,, 6 ,, —

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge in ample form at Masons Hall, Friday Evening June 7. 5771.

Present

Most Wpful Joseph Warren Esq.	G M.	
Joseph Webb	S. G W	
Ezra Collins	J G W	
James Carter	G S pro tempo	
Joseph Tyler	G T	
Paul Revere	G D: M of St Andrews & Tyrian	
Saml Danforth	J. G. D & S. W. of Tyrian	
Stephen Bruce	J. W of Tyrian	
Edward Burbeck	S. W	St Andrews
Jno Lowell	J W	St Andrews
Wm Palfrey	M.	Massachusetts
John Jeffries	S W	Massachusetts
Saml Gardner	J W	Massachusetts
Thomas Urann	Steward	

VOTED Unan: That Brother Ezra Collins be Grand Treasurer pro tempore

Brother Revere for St Andrews Lodge pd	,, 12 —
ditto for Tyrian Lodge	,, 12 —
Brother Palfrey for Massachusetts Lodge	,, 12. —

At a Grand Lodge in ample form held at Masons Hall on Friday Evening Decr 6. 1771.

Present.

Most Worshpful Joseph Warren Esq	G M.	
Joseph Webb	S G W.	
Moses Deshon	J G W	
Wm Palfrey	G Secy	
Ezra Collins	G Treasr	
Paul Revere	S. G. D	
Steph Bruce	J G D.	
Thos Urann	G. Stewd	
Jona Snelling Esq	M.	St Andws Lodge.
Edward Proctor	S W	St Andws Lodge.

Paul Revere	M.	Tyrian Lodge.
Steph Bruce	J W	
Joseph Tyler	M.	Massachusetts Lodge.
Joshua Loring	S W	
Francis Shaw	J W	

The R^{t} Wpful Master of St Andrews Lodge return'd the follow^{g} Officers chosen for s^{d} Lodge Viz^{t}

Jonathan Snelling	M.
John Lowell	S. W.
Edward Procter	J. W.
Samuel Barrett	Tr:
William Hoskins	Secr^{y}
Winthrop Gray	S. D.
Thomas Knox	J. D.
Asa Stoddard	Stewards.
John Piemont	

The Right Wpfull Master of the Massachusetts Lodge return'd the following Officers chosen for said Lodge, Viz^{t}

Joseph Tyler	M.
John Jeffries	S W.
Joshua Loring	J W.
William Codner	Treas^{r}
Nathl Cudworth	Secr^{y}
Samuel Gardner	S D:
John Langdon	J D.
Francis Shaw	Stewards.
Nath Tucker	

The Most Worshipful G. M. then requested the attendance of the Brethren at Concert Hall on the 27th Curr^{t} to celebrate the Festival of St John Evangelist, and order'd that notice thereof be given in the public prints.

VOTED that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to St Andrews Lodge for the use of their utensils.

Voted That for every Charter of new Erection granted by this Grand Lodge there shall be paid two Guineas for the use of the G^{d} Lodge and half a Guinea to the Secretary for writing & recording the same.

Voted That Br^{o} Wm Burbeck be dismissed from the Comm^{tee} appointed to prepare the By Laws, and B^{r} Jeffries be appointed in his stead.

The Grand Master then acquainted the G L that he appointed R^{t} Worship^{l} JOSEPH WEBB Dep^{y} G. M.

The Question was then put whether the G. M has a right to nominate his Wardens.

Voted in the affirmative —

The follow^{g} G Wardens were then nominated by the G M and with the following Officers were voted by the G Lodge — Viz^{t}

Moses Deshon Esq	S G W
Ezra Collins	J G W
Joseph Tyler	G Marshal
Saml Barrett	G Treas^{r}
Wm Palfrey	G Secy
Paul Revere Saml Danforth	G Deacons
Thos Urann Edwd Hopkins	Stewards
Edward Proctor	G Sw^{d} Bearer

VOTED that the Stewards of St Andrew's & the Massachusetts Lodges be join'd with the Grand Stewards to prepare the Feast. The Question being put whether Brother Sumner be continued Grand Tyler — pass'd in the Negative.

VOTED That Br^{r} William Barrett be G^{d} Tyler for the ensuing Year.

VOTED that the monies arising from the Charters of the Tyrian and Mass^{a} Lodges be paid B^{r} Revere on Account.

VOTED that Br^{r} Sumner be allow'd forty Shillings in full for his past Services.

p^{d} the Tyler in full .	2 —	By St Andrews Lodge .	1 ,, 4 ,, —
p^{d} Reckoning .	1 ,, 4 —	Tyrian d^{o} .	1 ,, 4 ,, —
		Massachusetts .	1 ,, 4 ,, —
	3 ,, 4 ,, —		3 ,, 12 ,, —

At the Feast of St John Evangelist held 27th December 1771. —

The G^{d} Officers and a number of Brethren met at the Mason's Arms at 11 o'Clock A M where the Deputy Grand Master was install'd in ample form agreeable to the appointment on the 6th inst^{t} after which they repair'd to

Concert Hall,

where an elegant dinner was provided and Brethren enjoy'd the same in a manner suitable to the festivity of the day. —

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge in Ample Form at the Masons' Arms Friday March 6. 1772.

Present.

The most Worshipful	Joseph Warren	G M.
Worshipful	Joseph Webb	D G M
	Saml Barrett	S. G. W & Treasurer
	Paul Revere	J G W & Master of Tyrian Lodge
	Wm Palfrey	G S : —
	Jon^{a} Snelling	S G D & Master of St Andrews

Thos Uran	J G D	
Joshua Loring	M	} Massachusetts
Wm Tyler	S W	} Lodge.

A Petition from Thomas Parsons, William Greenough, Thos Jones, Jonathan Boardman, Isaac Walker, Moses Brown, Simon Greenleaf, & Nathl Nowell, Free & accepted Masons resident in Newbury Port (praying they might be erected into a new Lodge by the name of St Peters Lodge) was presented to the Grand Lodge.

Order'd that said Petition be read —

A Letter from George Beattie Secretary of Lodge No 169 of Ancient York Masons was also order'd to be read. —

VOTED Unan: That Brothers Urann, Revere, & Lowell be a Committee to wait upon the Committee from said Lodge and acquaint them that this Grand Lodge will enter into no conference with them upon the subject of said Letter until they shew to this Grand Lodge their Charter and Bye Laws.

The Committee of this Lodge reported that the Committee from Lodge 169. were ready to produce their Charter & Bye Laws. They were desir'd to attend & attended accordingly.

VOTED That the petition from the Brethren at Newbury Port be granted & the Secretary be directed to make out a Charter accordingly.

VOTED That the Feast of St John the Baptist be celebrated by the Lodges under this Jurisdiction at Masons' Hall, and that the Most Worshipful G. M., Brothers Palfrey and Snelling be a Committee to write the Revd Br Fayerweather of Narragansett to preach a Sermon on the Occasion.

The Grand Lodge took into consideration the Subject of the Letter from Lodge No 169: and thereupon

Voted That the reason why this Grand Lodge did not admit the Brethren of said Lodge to the Feast of St John the Evangelist on Decr last *in Form* was that the necessary proofs of the Legality of said Lodge had never been laid before this Grand Lodge, for which reason they could not at that time admit them as a Lodge.

Brother Snelling for St Andrew's Lodge pd	,, 12	—
Br Revere for Tyrian	,, 12	—
Br Loring for Massachusetts	,, 12	—
	£ 1 ,, 16 ,,	—

Reckoning paid —
Tyler —

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge in ample Form on Friday Evening May 29 1772 at the Masons' Arms on Special Occasion.—

Present.

Most Worshipful Joseph Warren	G M
Worshipful Joseph Webb	D G M
Jonathan Snelling Esq	J. G W & Master of St Andrews.

Joseph Tyler	S. G. W & Mast^{r} of Massachusetts.
William Palfrey	G S.
Saml Danforth	S G D & J W of Tyrian Lodge.
John Lowell	J G D & S W of St Andrews.
John Jeffries	M D: & S W of Massachusetts.
Joshua Loring	J W d^{o}
Thos Urann	G Stew^{d}
Thos Crafts	

The Grand Secretary reported from the Committee appointed to write to the Revd B^{r} Fayerweather that they had wrote him accordingly & receiv'd an Answer that he accepted of the Choice.—

On a Motion made and seconded Voted that a Committee be chosen to apply for a Church for the Service of the day. & that Brothers Palfrey, Jefferds & Danforth be a Committee for that purpose.—

Voted That the Grand Secretary write to the Lodges under this Jurisdiction desiring their attendance at the Feast of St John the Baptist.

Order'd that it be recommended to the Lodges under this Jurisdiction to raise a Sum as a present to the Revd Mr Fayerweather and to defrey other extra Charges.

Voted that the following Brethren be a Committee to agree for, & prepare the Feast, Viz^{t} — The Grand Stewards, The Stewards of St Andrews & Massachusetts Lodges & that Brothers Bruce, Hoskins & McLane be added.

A Petition from John Hickey, Moses Fearen, John Sewards, William Cross, James Cook & Richard Cotter Free and accepted Masons of Portsmouth in New Hampshire was presented to the Grand Lodge and ordered to be read —

Richard Cotter one of the Pet^{rs} & Russell being call'd in, & examin'd as to the Morals and abilities of the Petitioners Withdrew.

VOTED that the further consideration of said Petition be deferr'd till next Grand Lodge Night.

VOTED that Brothers Tyler, Snelling & Jos. Webb be a Committee to procure the best Music that can be obtain'd for the Festival of St John the Baptist.

No Money paid in, the Reckoning being 14/8 not paid.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge held at the Masons' Arms, in Ample Form, Friday June 12, 1772.—

Present.

Most Worshipful Joseph Warren G M.

Joseph Webb	D G M.
Paul Revere	S G W & M of Tyrian Lodge
Jon^{a} Snelling	J G W & M of St Andrews Lodge.
Wm Palfrey	G. S.

Sam[l] Danforth	S G D
Edw[d] Proctor	J G D & J W of S[t] Andrews.
Thomas Urann	G Steward
Jn[o] Lowell	S W of S[t] Andrews
Sam[l] Gardner	S. W. } Massachusetts Lodge.
Tho[s] Love	J. W. } Massachusetts Lodge.
Stephen Bruce	S W of Tyrian Lodge
Edward Hopkins	G Steward.

Brother G[d]. Secretary reported from the Committee appointed to apply for the use of a Church: That they had attended that Service by waiting upon the Minister & Wardens of Christ Church who readily granted the free use of that Church for the Service of the day.

VOTED That the Stewards appointed to prepare the Feast agree for a dinner for Seventy-five, certain.

Letters from the Tyrian & S[t] Peters Lodges were read, advis[g] they should attend the Festival.

A petition from John Shea a distress'd Brother was read, and thereupon Voted that s[d] Brother should be examin'd and his Case enquir'd into, and he should be recommended accordingly.

. B[r] G Sec[y] mov'd for a Certificate to be granted to Brother William Tyler of the Massachusetts Lodge, and the same was unanimously Voted. —

The Representatives of S[t] Andrew's and the Massachusetts Lodges reported that their respective Lodges had voted the Sum of Six Guineas each towards defreying the Extra expences of the Festival.

VOTED that Eight Guineas be presented the Rev[d] M[r] Fayerweather as a Compliment from this Grand Lodge, & that the same be taken out of the Sums rais'd by each Lodge for defreying the Extra Expence.

VOTED That Brother Paul Revere be join'd with the Committee for preparing the Music.

VOTED that Brothers Thomas Love, Stephen Bruce & Winthrop Gray be a Committee to examine all Strangers who shall appear at the Feast.

The petition from the Brethren at Portsmouth, which was referr'd over to this Evening, was again taken into consideration & thereupon VOTED,

That Brothers Palfrey, Proctor & Love be a Committee to examine into the circumstances & Character of the Pet[rs] and report the same at the next Grand Lodge Night.

Last reckoning .	,, 14 ,, 8	S[t] Andrews Lodge p[d]	,, 12 ,, —
Reckoning this Night	,, 18 ,, 8	Massachusetts p[d] .	,, 12 ,, —
Tyler	,, 3 ,, 4	Tyrian p[d]	,, 12 ,, —
	1 ,, 16 ,, 8		1 ,, 16 ,, —

At the Assembly and Feast held at the Masons Arms Tavern on the Festival of S[t] John the Baptist 24th June 1772.

Present.

Most Worshipfull	Joseph Warren Esq.	G M.
R^t Worshipful	Joseph Webb . .	D G M
	Paul Revere	S. G. W Pro Temp^o
	Thos Crafts . .	J. G. W. d^o
	Samuel Barrett	G Tr^r
	William Palfrey	G. Sec^y

The Master & Wardens of { St Andrews, Tyrian, Massachusetts, St Peters } Lodge.

With the Brethren of their respective Lodges, & Visiting Brethren to the Number of Ninety Seven.

The Grand Officers and Brethren congregated at Eleven O'Clock A.M. at Concert Hall where the Grand Lodge was open'd in ample Form, after which the Brethren form'd in the following Order,

Tyler, with the Sword &
three Stewards with their Wands,
Brethren of St Peter's Lodge two and two,
Two Wardens of d^o,
Master of d^o.
Brethren of Massachusetts Lodge two and two,
Deacons
Secretary & Treasurer
two Wardens
Master.
Stewards of St Andrew's Lodge
Brethren of d^o two & two
Deacons
Secretary & Treasurer
Wardens
Master.
Grand Stewards wth their Wands
Grand Deacons,
Grand Treasurer & Secretary
Grand Wardens,
Deputy Grand Master
GRAND MASTER.

All cloath'd in their respective Jewells, and with their several badges of Office, marched in procession to Christs Church where a very suitable and pertinent discourse was preached by the Revd Brother Samuel Fayerweather of Narragansett from 1st Corinth^s 5 Ch: 11 V: after which the order of procession was revers'd (except the Most Wpful G M. being preceded by three Stewards) and they march'd to MASONS' HALL where the Grand Lodge again formed and the following Votes were passed, Viz.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Thanks of this Lodge be presented

to our Brother the Revd Samuel Fayerweather for his Sermon preach'd this day before the Grand Lodge, and that Br^{s} Joseph Webb, Paul Revere & Thomas Crafts be a Committee to wait upon him accordingly and to request him to grant a Copy of the same for the press. Also

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the thanks of this Lodge be given to the Revd Dr Byles jun^{r} for his performance of prayers this day, and for his, & the Church Wardens' & Vestry's granting us the Liberty of assembling at Christs Church: Also to the several Gentlemen proprietors of pews there, for their ready consent in granting the sole use of their Pews for the purpose aforesaid, & that the above nam'd Committee wait upon the Revd Dr Byles accordingly.

The Lodge was then clos'd, after which the G^{d} Master and Brethren din'd together in the Garden, under a large Tent erected for that purpose, and the remainder of the Day was dedicated to Mirth & Social festivity.

Before the Brethren dispers'd a collection was made for the relief of Mrs Hannah Stone the Widow of Capt Stone a deceas'd Brother, and applied accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge in Ample Form at the Masons Arms Friday Evening Sep^{t} 4. 1772.

Present.

The most Worshipful Joseph Warren Esq		G. M.
Jos. Webb		D G M
Ezra Collins		S. G. W.
Paul Revere	J G W & M of Tyrian Lodge.	
Stephen Bruce	J G D & S. W. . . d°	
Thomas Urann	S. G D.	
Joshua Loring	M.	Massachusetts Lodge.
Thos Love	S W	Massachusetts Lodge.
Nat Tucker	J W	Massachusetts Lodge.
Simon Greenleaf		of St Peters Lodge.
William Stewart	M	Duke of York's Lodge.
Thos Harbert	S. W.	Duke of York's Lodge.
Edwd Stodsworth	J W	Duke of York's Lodge.

The Committee appointed to examine into the Characters of the Portsmouth Pet^{rs} reported that it would not be for the Interest or Credit of Ancient Masonry to grant s^{d} petition for the present.

Voted that as some other petitioners have appear'd to support the Portsmouth petition that the matter be recommitted to a New Committee.

The follow^{g} Brethren were chosen for that purpose,

Br^{s} Ezra Collins, Simon Greenleaf, Thos Love. And order'd that s^{d} Committee report as soon as possible to the Grand Master.

A Letter from Brother Moses Deshon being read, it was

VOTED that Br Deshon be recommended to St Andrews & Massachusetts Lodges for relief.—

St Andrews Lodge not being represented, the Secry was ordered to acquaint the Body of their neglect.

VOTED that Brother Paul Revere, Caleb Hopkins & Joshua Loring be a Committee to examine how the several Sums collected for defreying the expence of the Festival of St John the Baptist was dispos'd of and report the same.—

VOTED that the Duke of York's Lodge be excus'd from paying any dues at present till it be further considered.

VOTED that Brother Flagg's Account of broken Ware be dismiss'd.

paid Tyler	,, 3 ,, 4	Massachusetts Lodge	pd	,, 12
reckoning	1 ,, ——	Tyrian Lodge	pd	,, 12
	————	St Andrews . .	pd	,, 12
	1 ,, 3 ,, 4	St Peters . . .	pd	,, 12

At a Grand Lodge (of Emergency) held at the Masons Arms Tavern in ample Form Friday Evening Novr 6. 1772.

Present.

The most Worshipful Joseph Warren Esq.		G M.
Rt Wpful Joseph Webb		D. G. M.
Ezra Collins		S G W pro Tempo
Paul Revere	J G W do & M. of Tyrian L.	
Stephen Bruce	S. G D & J. W. do	
Thomas Urann		G. Steward
Joshua Loring		G. Secy pro tempo
Rt Wpful Jona Snelling		M of St Andrews.
John Lowell		W of do
Phillip Marett		of Tyrian L.
Thos Love	M of Massachusetts L. pro Tempo	

Read a petition from Portsmouth dated Anno Mundi 5772 sign'd by Phillip Baily, Joseph Cooke, Richard Codder, John Sewards, John Jones, William Cross, William Smith, Moses Ferren, & George Homans who are desirous of being erected into a Lodge at Portsmouth by the name or title of St Johns Lodge.

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge some months past to enquire into the Characters of the foregoing Petitioners, Report, that after strict enquiry, some of their Characters appear'd to be such, that they could not reccommend them as worthy of a Warrant.

Whereupon it was unanimously Voted that the prayer of the Petitioners should not be granted at present.

At a Grand Lodge held at the Masons' Arms Tavern in ample Form Friday Evening 4th Decr 1772

Present.

The most Worshipful Joseph Warren Esq.	G M.
R^{t} Wpful Joseph Webb	D. G. M.
Moses Deshon	S G W
Ezra Collins	J G W.
Paul Revere	S. Deacon & M of Tyrian L.
Joshua Loring	J G D: & S. W of Mass^{a} L.
Samuel Barrett	G. Treas^{r}
Wm Palfrey	G S:
Thos Urann	G. Stew^{d} & M of St Andrews L.
Edward Proctor	G: S: Bearer & S. W. St Andrews.
Asa Stoddard	J W of St Andrews
Joseph Tyler	M of Massachusetts
Jon^{a} Snelling Esq.	M of St Peters L —
Saml Danforth	J. G. D.

A Letter from St Peters Lodge appointing Jonathan Snelling Esq. their Proxy, was read and accepted.

Also another Letter from s^{d} Lodge desiring they might be regularly install'd the 28th of this Month.

VOTED that the choice of Grand Officers should be annual, and that they be chosen the first Grand Lodge Night in December.

The most Worshipfull then nominated the following Officers of the Grand Lodge for the year ensuing who were approv'd by the Grand Lodge — — — Viz^{t}

R^{t} Wpful Ezra Collins	Senr G^{d} Warden
R^{t} Wpful Saml Barrett	Junr G^{d} Warden
Br^{r} Edward Proctor	G^{d} Marshall,
R^{t} Wpful Joseph Tyler	G^{d} Treasurer,
R^{t} Wpful William Palfrey	G^{d} Secretary
R^{t} Wpful Paul Revere	S. G^{d} Deacon
Br^{r} Saml Danforth	J. G. Deacon
R^{t} Wpful Thos Urann	G^{d} Stewards
B^{r} Caleb Hopkins	G^{d} Stewards
Br^{r} Asa Stoddard	G^{d} Sword Bearer,
Br^{r} William Barrett	G^{d} Tyler.

R^{t} Worshipful Brother William Palfrey having declin'd serving the Office of Grand Secretary, Brother William Hoskins was chosen in his stead.

The new Officers being invested with their proper Jewels, The thanks of the Grand Lodge were unanimously Voted to the late Officers for their past Services.

One of the Committee appointed to examine into the appropriation of the Money collected to defrey the extra Expences of the Feast of St John the Baptist in June last, having charg'd Brother Palfrey late G^{d} Secr^{y} with having given two Guineas to the Revd Mr Fayerweather more than was voted by the Grand Lodge, the same was taken into consideration, and it appearing by a Letter

from Brother Harkin, Master of the Tyrian Lodge, that it was done by his consent, and the consent of the Brethren of his Lodge present at the Feast, and the most Worshipful G. M. having also declar'd from the Chair that it was done by his particular direction, Therefore VOTED, that the matter be dismiss'd.

On a Motion made to celebrate the Feast of St John the Evangelist, VOTED, that the Grand Stewards, the Stewards of St Andrews & the Massachusetts Lodges with Brothers Paul Revere, Edward Proctor & Ezra Collins be a Committee to determine the same & this G. L. will abide by their determination.

Reckoning p^d . .	,,	18 ,, 8	St Andrews p^d . . .	,,	12 ,,
p^d Tyler . . .	,,	3 ,, 4	Tyrian p^d	,,	12 ,,
last Reckoning	,,	16 ,, –	Massachusetts p^d . .	,,	12 ,,
			St Peters p^d	,,	12 ,,

At a Meeting of The Grand Lodge at the Masons Arms in Ample Form, Friday Evening 11th December 1772.

Present.

The Most Worshipful Joseph Warren Esqr G. M.

R^t Wpful Joseph Webb	D. G. M.
Ezra Collins	S G W
Wm Palfrey	J. G. W pro Tem.
Edwd Procter	G. Marshall.
Samuel Danforth . .	S G D pro Tem.
Joshua Loring . . .	J G D
Wm Hoskins	G. Sec^y
Thomas Urann	G. S. & M. Mass^a Lodge.
Caleb Hopkins	G. S.
Thomas Love	S W Mass^a Lodge
Tucker	J W M. Lodge.
John Symmes	
Moses Deshon Esqr	

VOTED the Grand Stewards and Other Officers, (as Voted 4th Instant) be Notified to Mett at the Hall Tomor^o 11 °Clock and determine where the Feast of St John the Evangelist should be Held, and Make report to the Grand Lodge at 12 °Clock. —

Reck^g 1 ,, 4. — not paid.

At a Meeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Master & Grand Officers at Free Masons Arms, Saturday 12 °Clock p Adjourn^t to receive the report of the Com^ttee.

The Committee report by their Chairman R^t Wpful Bro: Urann, They had Agreed the Feast of St John Evan^g should be Celebrated at Free Masons Arms Mond^y 28 In^st; The Most Worshipful Grand Master then Orderd the G^d Sec^y to Cause the same to be Inserted in Eades & Gills, and Thomas's Papers.

At the Feast of St John Evangelist held the 28th December 1772 at Free Masons Arms,

Present.

The Most Worshipfull Joseph Warren Esqr Gd Master, with the Grand Officers and Brethren of the Several Lodges, Where an Elegant Dinner was Provided and The Brethren Enjoyed the same in a Manner Suitable to the Festivity of the Day.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at the Masons Arms, in Ample Form Friday Evening The 5th of March 1773.

Present.

The Most Worshipfull Joseph Warren Esqr G. Mr with Several of the Grand Officers.

When the Most Worshipfull Grand Master was Pleased to Adjourn this Grand Lodge to Monday the 8th Instant.

At a Meeting of The Grand Lodge at the Masons Arms in Ample Form, Monday Evening March 8th 1773. By Adjournment. —

Present.

The Most Worshipfull	Joseph Warren Esqr	G.M.
Worshipfull	Joseph Webb . .	D G M
	Joseph Tyler . .	S G W
	Paul Revere . .	J G W
	Samuel Danforth,	S G D.
	Jonath: Snelling .	J G D
	William Hoskins .	G S

Thomas Urann	Joshua Loring
Thomas Crafts	Ebenr Love
Thomas Chase	Moses Deshon

Brother Thomas Crafts Laid Before this Lodge an Account for Two Books Supplyed by him in Decem. 1769. And After Examining the same, —

VOTED, Brother Grand Treasurer be desired forthwith to discharge said Account of 18/8 L My.

VOTED, a Book be Purchased, and that Bro: Grand Treasr Purchase the Same for the Convenience of Recording the Charter, also, for recording, The Members of the Several Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

Paid Reckoning	,, 16 ,, —	St Andrews .	pd 12/—
Paid Tyler	,, 4 : 6	Massachusetts .	pd 12/—
		Tyrian . . .	pd 12/—
	1 ,, 0 : 6	St Peters . .	pd 12/—
			2 . 8/—

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge held at the Masons Arms in Ample Form Friday Evening May 7th 1773 upon an Especial Occasion.

Present. —

Most Worshipfull Joseph Warren Esqr G. M.
Rt Wpfull Moses Deshon Esqr S. G. W.
Joseph Tyler . . J G W
Paul Revere . . . S G D
Saml Danforth . . J G D
Wm Hoskins . . . G. S.
Rt Wpfull Joseph Webb.

Thoms Urann	Jno Symmes
Jona Snelling Esqr	Josha Loring
John Lowell	John Jefferies
Edwd Procter	Wm Palfry
Asa Stodder	Steph: Bruce.

A Petition from The Master, Wardens, and a Number of Brethren of St Andrew Lodge, Setting forth they had been deprived of their Charter of Erection by Mr Willm Burbeck (a former Master of said Lodge) Praying a dispensation may be Granted them from this Grand Lodge, untill they can obtain a Coppy of their Charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The same being Read

It was Motioned & Seconded, That the Members present of St Andrew's Lodge, have no Voice in the determination of this petition, which was

VOTED Unanimously.

Then it was put wether the Prayer of this Petition should be Granted, Voted in the Affirmative.

The Grand Master then Orderd the G: Secy to furnish St Andrew Lodge with a Warrant directly.

Bro: Revere, moved for a Letter of Recommendation in favour of Bro: Step: Bruce. Bro: Hoskins, also Moved for a Letter of Recommenda in Behalf of Bro: Simon Greenleaf of Newbury Port.	Voted Uns the same be Granted them.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Masons Arms in Ample Form, Fryday Evening June 4th 1773.

Present.

The Most Worshipfull Joseph Warren Esqr Gd Master.
Moses Deshon Esqr G. S. W.
Asa Stodder. . . G J W } Pro: Tempo
Thoms Urann . . G S D }
Willm Hoskins . . G Secy

The Grand Lodge being Open'd; the Grand Master Observing but few Grand Officers Present, was Acquainted of their Necessary Engagement in an° Society.

Then the Grand Master was Pleased to Adjourn this Grand Lodge to Friday Evening the 11th Instant.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at Masons Arms, in Ample Form, Friday Evening June 11th 1773 — by Adjournment.

Present.

The Most Worshipfull	Joseph Warren Esqr	Gd Master
Worshipfull	Joseph Webb	Dty Gd Mastr
Rt Wpfull	Ezra Collins	S. G W
	Paul Revere	J G W.
	Thomas Urann	S G D.
	John Symmes	J G D
	Wm Hoskins	Gd Secy
Rt Wpfull	Moses Deshon Esqr	
	Jona Snelling Esqr	
	Phillip Merriot of Tyrian Lodge.	

The Several Lodges under this Jurisdiction

St Andrew,	Bro: Urann pd	12/.
St Peter . . .	Bro: Snelling pd	12/.
Tyrion . . .	Bro: Revere pd	12/.
Massachusetts.	not Represented.	

Bro: D G M Webb Proposed that Rules and Orders should be drawn up for the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, and Motioned, a Comttee be appointed from the Several Lodges under this Jurisdiction to draw up the same.

Motioned & Seconded, that two Brethren from Each Lodge be of this Committee.

VOTED the following,

for St Andrews, ...	Bro: Lowell
	Bro: Barratt
for Tyrian	Bro: Revere
	Bro: Danforth
for Massachusetts . . .	Bro: Palfrey.
	Bro: Jeffries
for St Peters	Bro: Snelling
	Bro: Collins

Motioned & Seconded Bro: D G M Webb be added to this Committee. —

Recks Paid for 2 Evengs 1 .. 3 ,, 4.

This Grand Lodge was then Adjourned to Wednesday Evening 16th Instant.

At a Grand Lodge held at Masons Arms in Ample Form June 16th 1773 p Adjournment.

Present.

Most Worshipfull Joseph Webb D G M in the Chair.
R^t Wpfull Ezra Collins S G W
Paul Revere J G W
Wm Palfrey S. G D } Pro:
Jon^a Snelling Esqr J . G D } Temp^o
Wm Hoskins G S^y
Jere Allen } of Mass^a Lodge &
Willm Codner } Visitors.
Moses Deshon Esqr
Tho: Urann
Asa Stodder
Josh^a Loring

Voted, that the Com^tte for drawing up By Laws or Regulations for the Government of this Grand Lodge (as Voted 11th Instant) have a further time to Inspect what they have already drawn up, Make additions & perfect the same, to be laid before this Grand Lodge at their Next Quarterly Communication.

Mot^d & Voted that the Grand Master be Requested, that a Letter directed to him & read this Evening from Allex^r Dougall of Scotland Dated 3 March 1772 be recorded in our Grand Lodge Books.

This Grand Lodge was then Closed to the first Friday in Septem^r Next.

No Reckoning Paid.

At a Meeting of the GRAND LODGE held at the Masons Arms in Ample Form, Friday Sep^t 3^d, 1773.

Present.

Most Worshipfull Joseph Warren Esqr G^d M^r
Worshipfull Joseph Webb D^ty G M^r
R^t Worshipfull Thomas Urann S G^d W. Pro: Tem.
Asa Stodder J G^d W.
R^t Worshipfull Jon^a Snelling Esqr
Wm Hoskins G. S^y

This Grand Lodge did not Proceed to Business on acc^t of the fewness of Members, Therefore

The Most Worshipfull Grand Master was Pleased to Adjourn this Grand Lodge to the first Friday in the Ensuing Month to Congregate [at] 7 °Clock of said Evening Unless Called together before upon Some Emergency.

Paid the Tiler . . . . . 12/—

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at Masons Arms, In Ample Form, p Adjournment Friday Evening October 1st 1773.

Present.

Most Worshipfull Joseph Warren Esqr G^d Master.
Wpfull Joseph Webb D^ty G^d M^r

R^{t} Wpfull Moses Deshon Esqr	S. G W
R^{t} Wpfull Joseph Tyler	J G W.
R^{t} Wpfull Thomas Urann	S. G^{d} D
R^{t} Wpfull Paul Revere	J G D
Wm Hoskins	G S^{y}
Joshua Loring.	

The Petition of Richard Carpenter & Others, under the 2^{d} of June was this Evening Read, and The Substance therein debated, The Grand Lodge being fully of Opinion that the Lodge at Castle William nor no other Travelling Lodges, has any Right to Make Masons of any Citizen, The same was put wether the Prayer of said Carpenter & Others should be Granted, Passed in the Negative.

Bro^{r} G^{d} Treasurer Presented an Account Against this Grand Lodge from Bro: Josiah Flagg, for Gilding the Grand Officers Jewells to the Amount of 52/8 L M^{y}. Voted the same be allowed, and that the Grand Treasurer discharge it.

paid Tylers & Candles	17 —	St Andrew . . .	paid.
paid Reckoning . .	1 ,, 18 ,, 10	Tyrian	12/
		Mass^{a}	24/
	2 : 15 : 10	St Peters Not Represented.	

At a Meeting of the GRAND LODGE, held at MASONS ARMS in Ample Form December 3rd 1773.

Present.

Most Worshipfull Joseph Warren Esqr	Gr Master.
Wpfull Joseph Webb . . .	D G Master
Moses Deshon Esqr	S G^{d} W.
Saml Barratt	J G W.
Paul Revere	S G D.
Samuel Danforth	J G D.
Wm Hoskins	G. S^{y}
Joseph Tyler	G Treas^{r}
Thomas Urann	G^{d} Stewards
Caleb Hopkins	G^{d} Stewards
John Lowell	Mr St And^{w} Lodge.
John Symmes	
Step: Bruce	
Tho: Love.	

The Most Worshipfull Grand Master, directed the G^{d} S^{y} to Call over the Several Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

St Andrew	p^{d} 1 : 4 —
Tyrian	p^{d} ,, 12 —
Massachusetts	p^{d} ,, 12 —
St Peters	not Represented.

The Most Worshipfull Grand Master, being Informed the Lodge of St Andrew, had made Choice of Worshipfull Bro^{r} John Lowell, Master of that Lodge for the Ensuing Year, Was pleased to Order a List of his Officers — which was Exhibited, Read and Recorded In the Grand Lodge Books for that Purpose.

Then the Most Worshipfull Grand Master was Pleased to Appoint, or Nominate the follow^{g} Grand Officers, for the Ensuing Year.

Brothers Ezra Collins . . .	S. G. W.
Saml Barrett . . .	J G W
Edwd Procter . . .	G. Marshall
Joseph Tyler . . .	G. Treas^{r}
Wm Hoskins . . .	G S^{y}
Paul Revere .	S G D
Saml Danforth	J G D
Tho: Urann Caleb Hopkins	G Stew^{ds}
John Cade	G^{d} Tyler.

The Most Worshipfull Grand Master, then desired the Opinion of the Grand Officers present, with respect to Celebrating the Feast of St John the Evangelist, 27th Instant.

Motioned and Seconded, The Feast be Celebrated the 27th Instant at Free Masons Hall;

Voted, The Stewards of the Grand Lodge, of St Andrews and the Massachusetts Lodges, Agree for and Provide the dinner and that three Brethren be desired to Joyn the Stewards, Voted, Broth^{rs} Bruce, Procter, Love.

Voted, the Festival be Advertized in the Public Prints.

R^{t} Worpf^{l} Grand Treas^{r} Motioned a Comittee be appointed to Examine his Accounts of this Grand Lodge for the Past Year, Mot^{d} three Brethren be of this Com^{tee}, Bro^{rs} Webb, Danforth & Bruce, And that they Report there doings the next Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication.

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p^{d} Tiler	,, 5 : 4
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At the Assembly and Feast, held at Masons Hall in Boston New England on — Decem^{r} 27th 5773.

Present.

The Most Worshipfull Joseph Warren Esqr G^{d} Mast^{r}
The Officers of the Grand Lodge
The Masters and Wardens of St Andrew, Massach^{tts}, Tyrian and St Peter's Lodges.

READ

A Commission from The Right Honble and Most Worshipfull Patrick, Earl of Dumfries, Grand Master of Masons in Scotland

dated 3d day of March A.D. and of Masonary 5772. Appointing the Most Worshipfull Joseph Warren Esqr Grand Master of Masons for the CONTINENT OF AMERICA.

The Brethren, then Proceeded in Ample Form to Install, The Most Worshipfull Grand Master.

Then The Most Worshipful Grand Master by Virtue of the Authority Granted him in the foregoing Commission, Orderd the Gd Secy to Read a Commission dated at Boston N England 1773 Appointing Joseph Webb Esqr Deputy Grand Master, under him the Said Joseph Warren Esqr Gd Master, who was Accordingly Installd.

After which the followg Grand Officers were Confirmd in their Several Offices for the Ensuing Year.

Ezra Collins	S Gd W.
Samll Barratt	J Gd W
Edwd Procter	Gd Marshall
Joseph Tyler	Gd Treasr
Wm Hoskins	G. Sy
Paul Revere	S G D.
Samll Danforth	J. G. D.
Thoms Urann	G. Std
Caleb Hopkins	G. Std
John Cade,	G Tyr

The TABLES being Furnished, The Brethren (with the Guests) Enjoyed themselves Agreeable to the Festivity of the day.

Present.

Most Worshipfull Joseph Warren Esqr Gd Mr
Honble William Brattle Esqr Revd Docr Samll Mather.
Worshipf. Joseph Webb Esqr Dty Gd Mr
Ezra Collins S. Gd W.
Samll Barratt J. Gd W.
Edwd Procter Gd Marsh.
Joseph Tyler. Gd Treasr
Wm Hoskins G Sy.
Jona Snelling Esqr S. G. D pro: Temp.
Moses Deshon Esqr J. G. D.
Thoms Urann } Gd Stewds
St Bruce }

Winthrop Gray	Jams Tileston
Tho: Chase	Henry Simpson
Elisha Thatcher	Jams Carter
Asa Stodder	Adam Colson
John Symmes	Josiah Watters
Josiah Eades	McCalpine
Nath. Cook	Jere Allen
Thoms Clements	Jona Williams
Tho: Newell	Samll Barratt
Fullford.	Hawse Hatch
J. Gray	Tucker

Elip : Weston	Wm Williams
Jno Fenno	John Pulling
John Newell	Wm Molineux.
	Gorham

Collected			Reckg 50 dinners .	@ 3/	7 ,,	10	—
40 Tickets	@ 6/.	12 . —	13 dble Bowls Punch		1 ,,	14 ,,	8
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The thanks of the Brethren was made to Revd Docr Mather, also to The Honble William Brattle Esqr for their Comps

Then The Revd Docr Mather withdrew.

The Most Worshipfull Grand Master was Pleased to direct Three Brethren, viz, Jona Williams, Elisa Thatcher, & H. Hatch, to wait upon The Most Worshipfull John Rowe, Esqr Gd Master, the Grand Officers & Brethren at Their Feast, at Colo Ingersolls, to Acquaint them, their Healths would be drank half after 4 °Clock, the Comttee Returned for Answer, that Grand Master Rowe & the Brethn Convened would return the Compliment at that Period.

At a Meeting of the GRAND LODGE at Masons Arms in Ample Form, Friday Evening March 4th 1774.

Present

Most Wpfull Joseph Warren Esqr	Gd Mastr
Wpfull Joseph Webb Esqr	Dty Gd Mastr
Ezra Collins . .	S. Gd W.
Joseph Tyler,	J Gd W pro : Tempo
Jona Snelling Esqr	G Treasr pro : Tempo
Paul Revere	S. G. D.
Stephen Bruce	J. G. D.
William Hoskins	Gd Sy.
John Lowell	Mastr St Andw Lodge
John Jeffries	Mastr Massa Lodge.
Thomas Urann	Gd Steward
——— Tucker	S. Wd Massa Lodge
Asa Stodder	S. Wd St Andw
John Symmes	J. Wd of ditto

St Andrews	,, 12 ,,
Tyrian	,, 12 ,,
Massa	,, 12 ,,
St Peter	1 ,, 16
	3 ,, 12

The Com^{ttee} appointed to draw up Certain By Laws (as Voted the Eleaventh June Last) the Chairman Worshipf^{ll} Bro^{r} D G Mast^{r} says the said By Laws were still under Consideration; Mot^{d} and Seconded, The Chairman of said Com^{ttee} be desired to summons the whole Com^{ttee} upon the By Laws and make Report next Lodge Night.

Voted Un^{s} the Thanks of this Grand Lodge, be given to Worsh^{l} Bro^{r} Webb, Dep^{ty} Grand Mast^{r} Bro^{r} Capt Sam^{ll} Barrett & Bro: W Hoskins, for the Use of the Platform, Pillars and Arch to this Grand Lodge during their Hold^{g} this Grand Lodge at Masons Hall.

The Committee Appointed to Examine the Grand Treasurers Accounts, Report they have Examined the Same, and find there is due to the Grand Treasurer One Pound two Shillings & 6½ Lawfull Money.

Bro^{r} Urann presented an Account from Bro^{r} Adam Colson for a Supply of Aprons deliverd at two different Feast days, Amount^{g} to One Pound nine shill^{gs}.

Voted the said Account be allowed, and that the Grand Treas^{r} be desired to discharge the Same.

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Bal^{a} p^{d} Grand Treas^{r}	2 ,, 11 ,, 4
	3 ,, 12 ,,—

Att a Meeting of the GRAND LODGE at Masons Arms in Ample Form Friday Evening June 3^{d} 1774.

Present.

Right Worshipfull Moses Deshon Esqr	P Mast^{r}	
Thomas Urann	S G W	P T^{r}
John Symmes	J G W	" "
Nath^{ll} Tucker.	S. G. D	
Hawse Hatch	J G D	
William Hoskins	G. S^{y}.	

Mot^{d} Seconded and Voted, this Grand Lodge be Adjourned to Tuesday Evening Next 7 °Clock by Reason of the few Grand Officers Present, Engaged in Consequential Public Business.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge held at MASONS ARMS, Tuesday Evening by Adjournment June 7th 1774.

Present

Most Worshipfull Joseph Warren Esqr G^{d} Master.
Wpfull Joseph Webb Esqr D^{ty} G^{d} Master.
R^{t} Wpfull Moses Deshon Esqr S. G. W.

Thomas Urann	J. G. W.
Paul Revere	S. G. D
Asa Stodder	J G D
Caleb Hopkins	G. Stew^{d}
Edward Procter	G. Marshall
John Lowell	M St Ad^{w} Lodge.
St Andrew's	. . . .
Tyrian	. . . . .
Massach^{tts}	. . . .
St Peters	. . . . .

On a Motion, made with regard to holding the Feast on the 24th June, it was Unan^{y}

Voted not to hold the Feast on the said 24th June.

This GRAND LODGE Closed untill The first Friday in September.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at Masons Arms, Friday Evening Sep^{t} 2^{d} 1774.

Present.

R^{t} Wpfull Thomas Urann	P. Mast^{r}
John Lowell	M^{r} of St And^{w} Lodge.
John Symmes	J. W. St And^{w} Lodge.

The Members of this Grand Lodge being Necessarily Prevented from giving their Attendance this Evening no Regular Lodge could be held, Therefore Adjourned to Wednesday Evening the Seventh Instant.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge held at Masons Arms, Wednesday Evening Sep^{t} 7. 1774 by Adjournment.

Present.

The Most Worshipfull Joseph Warren Esqr	G^{d} Master.
Moses Deshon Esqr	S. G. W.
Paul Revere	J G W.
Thom^{s} Urann	S. G. D.
John Symmes	J G D.
John Lowell	
Nathl Tucker	G T^{r}

St And^{w}	,, 4 —
Tyrian	,, 12 —
Massach^{tts}	
St Peters	
	,, 16/ —

Motioned and Seconded, a Treasurer be Chose, Voted Brother Revere be Grand Treasurer.

At a Meeting of the GRAND LODGE held at Masons Hall in Ample Form, Friday Evening December 2d, 1774. —

Present.

The Most Wpful Joseph Warren Esqr	Gd Master.	
Wpful Joseph Webb Esqr	Dty Gd Mastr	
Rt Wp Moses Deshon Esqr	S. G. W.	
Thomas Urann	J. G. W.	
Edwd Procter	S G D.	
Asa Stodder	J G D.	
Willm Hoskins	G S	
Winth Gray	J W St Andrew Lodge.	
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Tyrian		
Massa not Represented		
St Peters		
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Motioned & Seconded, the Secy write to the Master and Wardens of St Peters Lodge at Newberry, and acquaint them, their Lodge has not been Represented to the Grand Lodge in Boston, since last March and that the Arrearages due has not been Paid.

Also Voted, Massa Lodge be wrote to in like manner.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was Pleased to direct that the Several Grand Officers Servz the Last year be continued, in Said Offices, Ensuz Year.

Motioned & Secd a Grand Treasurer be chose for the discharge of that office the Ensuing Year.

Voted, (by Written Votes) Uns Bror John Lowell be Grand Treasurer the Ensuing Year, and was Invested with the Grand Treasurer's Jewell.

Brother John Rea of his Majestys 59th Regt Presented a Charter No 243 (from the Grand Lodge of Ireland) also a List of Master Wardens & Brethren of said Lodge No 243, (of said Regimt) Requesting to be under the Protection & Direction of this Grand Lodge.

Whereupon Voted their Request be Granted they Paying the Customary dues to this Grand Lodge.

Voted this Record be transmitted to the Master & Wardens of that Lodge.

Voted the List of Members of Lodge No 243, be Recorded in the Grand Lodge Books.

Motd and Seconded, Voted the Feast of St John the Evangelist be Celebrated 27th Instant.

Voted said Feast be at Free Masons Hall.

Voted the same be Advertised in two Public Prints, Vizt Messrs Eades & Gill, and Mills & Hicks.

Voted the two Grand Stewards, two Stewards of St Andws & two

Stewards of Mass^{a} Lodges, with the G^{d} Sec^{y} be a Committee to treat with Mrs Baxter to provide an Elegant dinner &c Tuesday 27th Instant.

Voted the Grand Treasurer Apply to the Heirs or Executors of our Late Deceased Brother, G^{d} Treas^{r} Joseph Tyler for the Books, of this G^{d} Lodge.

Paid G^{d} Treasurer . . . ,, 12/ —

Bro^{r} Edward Procter Master of St Andrew Lodge, Produced a List of Officers, Chose for Ensu^{g} Year.

Grand Lodge Closed to 27th Instant.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at Free Mason's Hall in Due Form, Friday Evening March 3^{d} 1775.

Present.

Most Wors^{l} Joseph Warren Esq.	G. M.	
R Wpfl Joseph Webb	D. G. M.	
Ezra Collins	S. G. W.	
Thos Urann	J. G. W.	
Edwd Procter	S. G. D.	
John Symmes	J. G. D.	
Wm Hoskins	G S^{y}	
Moses Deshon	P. M.	
Winthrop Gray	J W St And^{w}	
Jno Lowell	G T^{r}	
St Andrews Lodge p^{d}		12/—
Tyrian Massachusetts St Peters Lodge N° 243. of 59th Reg^{t}	not Represent^{d}.	

Motion'd & Seconded, & Voted that Tyrian & St Peters Lodges be wrote to, & Inform'd that their Lodges, has not been represented to the G^{d} Lodge since March last, that the Arrearages has not been paid. Also Voted Massachusetts Lodge be again wrote to & Inform'd that their Lodge has not been represented since last March.

The Grand Treasurer Reports, that he had Apply'd to the Heirs of our Late Grand Treasurer, for the Lodge Acco^{t} Books, which he had receiv'd into possession.

Bro^{r} Cade laid before this Lodge an Acco^{t} of Several Attendances, Including this Evenings Attendance. 28/.

Voted the said Acco^{t} be allow'd. & that the Grand Treasurer be desired to pay the same.

paid Bro^{r} Cade 28/.

Clos'd to 1st Friday in June.

MEM° 19th April 1775. Hostellitys Commenc'd, between the Troops of G Britain & America, in Lexington Battle. In Consequence of which the Town was Blockaded, & no Lodge held untill Dec. 1776.

At a Grand Lodge, held at Free Masons Hall for the Celebration of St John, the Evangelist Decr 27 1776.

Present.

Joseph Webb	D.G.M.
Col° Paul Revere	S G W
Capt Caleb Hopkins	J G W
Thos Urann	S G D
Majr Thos Chase	J G D
Col° Thos Crafts	G. T.
Nath Pierce	G. Secy pro temp°
Perez Morton Esq.	G. Marshall.
John Symmes, Capt Philip Merritt	G Stewards
Capt Winthrop Gray—	Wm Hunt,
Stephn Bruce.	Thos Barker
Capt Jona Welch Edes	Thos Farrington
Nath: Greenough.	Phillips Connolly
Robt McElroy	Jn° Whitten
Capt Alexr Mackey	And. Newell
Alexr Gray	Henry Simpson
Maj. Moses Deshon	Capt Silas Atkins
Jessee Putnam	Thos Newell
Dunkerly	Alexr Thomas
Jn° Winthrop	Capt Wm Miller 32

All settled & paid. a very Genteel Entertainment

At a Grand Lodge held at Masons Hall (on 'Special Occassn) Feb: 14, 1777. . .

Present.

Rt Wp Joseph Webb	D G M	
Paul Revere Esq	S G W.	pro temp°
Thos Urann	J G W.	d°
Caleb Hopkins	S G D.	d°
Jn° Symmes	J G D.	d°
Jn° Lowell	G T.	
Winthrop Gray		
Stephn Bruce		
Moses Deshon Esq		
Nath. Pierce	G. S.	

This Meeting was call'd to hear the Petition of Seth Deane & others, praying for a Charter to Erect & hold a Lodge, in the Town of Stockbridge in the County of Berkshire.

The petition was referr'd to Friday Evening 7th March Next.

Voted that the Depy G. Master send a Summons to all the Masters & Wardens under this Jurisdiction to Assemble here on 7th March in Order to Consult upon, & to Elect a Grand Master, for this State, in the Room of our late worthy Grand Master WARREN, dec'd.

N.B. The Three following Leaves was Cut out by order of the Grand Master: (the three Quarterly Records being made, thereon by Bror Nat Peirce, Rather too, Carelessly is the Reason) which are again fairly Recorded.

W HOSKINS G. S.

At a Grand Lodge held at Masons Hall March 7th 1777.

Present.

Right Worsh	Joseph Webb Esqr	D G M
Wor.	Paul Revere	S.G.W.
	Thoms Crafts	J.G W
	Thoms Urann	S G D
	Edwd Procter	J G D
	John Lowell	G Tr
	Nat Peirce	G Sec. Pro: Temp.
	Winthº Gray	G Stewd
	Wm Greenough	G. Stewd

This Grand Lodge is Adjournd untill tomorrow Evening.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Masons Hall March 8th 1777 by Adjournment,

Present

Rt Worship:	Joseph Webb Esqr	D G M
	Paul Revere	S.G.W.
	Thoms Crafts	J G W
	John Lowell	G Treasr
	Nat Peirce	G Sec pro: Temº
	Thoms Urann	S G D.
	Edwd Procter	J G D
	Moses Deshon Esqr	P Mr
	Phillip Marriot	G. Stewds
	Winthº Gray	G. Stewds
	Wm Greenough	Mr of St Peters Lodge.

On a Motion made; Voted, this Grand Lodge Proceed to the Choice of a Grand Master to Act in that Capacity 'till Friday June Next.

Voted, that Most Worshipfull Joseph Webb Esqr be Grand Master.

This Grand Lodge made Choice of the following Grand Officers:

Samuel Barrett Esqr	S G W
Paul Revere Esqr	J G W

John Lowell	G T^{r}
Nat Peirce	
Thomas Crafts Esqr	S G D
Edward Procter Esqr	J G D
Thomas Urann	G^{d} Stew^{ds}
Caleb Hopkins	G^{d} Stew^{ds}

Motion'd & Seconded that the Prayer of the Petition of Seth Dean & Others be heard and Answerd,

Voted Accord^{ly}

Grand Lodge Closed.

[The following is a copy of the Charter of Berkshire Lodge (granted on petition of "Seth Dean & Others") as given on the last pages of the Book of Records of this Grand Lodge]

TO ALL THE FRATERNITY OF FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS.

To whom these presents shall come —

The most worshipful JOSEPH WEBB, Esq^{R} Grand Master of antient free and accepted Masons duly authoriz'd and appointed & in ample Form Install'd, together with his grand Wardens send —— Greeting.

WHEREAS a Petition has been presented to us, by Jno Patterson Esqr Samuel Brewer Esqr Messrs Seth Dean Junr Jno Grace Stephen Pearle Charles Debel Israel Debel, all antient free & accepted Masons resident in Stocbridge & Lanax in Massachusetts State in New England, praying that they with such others as may Think Proper to join them may be erected and Constituted as a regular Lodge of free and accepted Masons under the Name Title and Designation of Berkshire Lodge N° 5 with full Power to enter apprentices Pass fellow Crafts And raise master Masons. Which Petition appearing to us, as tending to the advancement of antient Masonry, and the general Good of the Craft, have unanimously agreed that the Prayer of the Petition Should be granted.

KNOW YE therefore that We the Grand Master And Wardens by Virtue of the Power and Authority aforesaid, and reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Prudence Fidelity & Skill in Masonry of our beloved Brethren above named, have Constituted & appointed & by these Presents Do Constitute and appoint them the said Jno. Patterson Esqr & others a regular Lodge of Free & accepted Masons, under the Name Title and Designation of the Berkshire Lodge N° 5. Hereby giving & granting unto them and their Successors, full Power and authority to meet and Convene as Masons within the Town of Stockbridge aforesaid to receive and enter apprentices pass Fellow Crafts and Raise Master Masons, upon the Payment of such moderate Compositions for the Same as may hereafter be determin'd by S^{d} Lodge Also to make Choice of Master and Wardens and other Office Bearers annually or otherwise as they Shall see Cause. To receive and collect funds for the relief of the Poor and decay'd Brethren, their Widows or Children, and in general to transact all matters relating to Masonry which

may to them appear for the Good of the Craft, according to the antient Usages and Customs of Masons and we do hereby require the said Constituted Brethren to attend at the grand Lodge or Quarterly Communications, by themselves or their Proxies (which are their Masters and Wardens for the Time being) and also to keep a fair and regular record of all their Proceedings and to Lay the Same before the Grand Lodge when requir'd, and we do hereby enjoin upon our said Brethren to behave themselves respectfully and obediently to their Superiours in Office, & not to desert their Said Lodge without the leave of their Master & Wardens.

And we do hereby declare the Precedence of the Said Lodge in the Grand Lodge and elsewhere to commence from the Date of these presents and require all antient Masons Especially of those holding of this Grand Lodge, to acknowledge and receive them & their Successors as regular constituted free and accepted Masons & to treat them accordingly.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the G^d Lodge affix'd at Boston New England this Eighth Day of March in the Year of our Lord 1777 and of Masonry 5777.

SAM^L BARRETT S. G. W.
PAUL REVERE J. G. W.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, in Ample Form, Tuesday 24th June 1777, to Celebrate the Festival of St John the Baptist.

Present.

Most Worsh:	Joseph Webb Esqr	G M
	Moses Deshon Esqr	D G M
	Paul Revere Esqr	S G W
	Thom^s Crafts Esqr	J G W
	Thomas Chase Esqr	S G D
	Thomas Melvill Esqr	J G D
	John Lowell	G^d Trea^s
	Thomas Urann John Pulling	G^d Stew^ds
	Perez Morton Esqr	G^d Mar^s
	Wm Burbeck Esqr	P M^r

Nat^l Peirce, Rep. for Berkshire Lodge.

John Symmes	Jos: Dunkerly
Winth Gray	Jos: Cunningham
Step. Smith	Jam^s Prentice
Josh. Davis	Jam^s Swan
George Abbot	Jam^s Carter
John Warren	John Cade
Elisha Hinman	Nath: Goodwin
Peter Fanuiel	Edwd Tuckerman
Amos Winship	Allex^r Mackey
Job Sumner	Allex^r Thomas
Benj^a White	Asa Stodder

Isa: Audibert
Wm Williams
John Hopkins
John Sprague
John Newell
John Swift
David Bradley
Freeman Pulcifer
Revd Danl Johnson
Thoms Newell
Thoms Loring
Thoms Farrington
Thoms Barke
John Winthrop
John B Oliver
John Dyg
John Crane
John Jenkins
John Porter
Adam Colson
Abra Livingstone
Jacob Brown
Increase Blake
Job Wheelwright
Jona Eades
Josiah Watters
Jer. Gager
Wm Treadwell
Wm Miller
Robt Davis
Robt Williams
Benj. Barnard
Moses Barnard
Holten Johnstone
Henry Simpson
Felix Fraser.
Phillip Marriot.

Reckning Settled and Paid.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Mason Hall, Friday Evening — Sepr 5th 1777 —

Present.

Most Worsh.	Joseph Webb Esqr	G M.	
	Moses Deshon Esqr	D G Mr	
	Paul Revere Esqr	S G W	Pro Tem.
	Thoms Crafts Esqr	J G W	Pro Tem.
	John Lowell	Gd Tr	
	John Symmes Mr of St Andw Lodge		

As a Number of the Grand Officers are absent

Voted This Grand Lodge be Adjournd to the first Friday in October Next, and That the Grand Lodge be Summond Accordingly.

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At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, at Masons Hall — Decemr 4th 1777.

Present.—

Most Worshipfull	Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.	
	Moses Deshon Esqr	D G Mr	
	Paul Revere Esqr	S G W	P. Tem.
	Thoms Crafts Esqr	J G W	P. Tem.
	John Lowell	G. T.	
	John Symmes	S G D	
	Nat Peirce		
	Phillip Marriot		

Thom^{s} Urann	G. Stew^{d}
Winth. Gray	G^{d} Sw^{d} Bearer.

Voted, that all the Grand Officers, of this Grand Lodge be Continued, untill the first Friday in March next, Except Bro^{r} Caleb Hopkins.

Voted, Bro. Winthrop Gray be a Grand Steward.

Voted, The Feast of St John the Evangelist, be Celebrated the 27th of this Month, that Brother Perez Morton be desired to Pronounce an Oration, at the Stone Chaple, that the Subject of his Oration be — Masonary.

Brothers, Revere, Bruce & Lowell, are desired to Wait on Bro^{r} Morton and Inform him of the Vote, also to Procure the Liberty of the Chaple, also to Request of Col^{o} Crafts, his Reg^{t} Musick, and Mr Silsby to perform the Organ Musick at the Chaple.

Voted, the Celebration of the Feast be advertised In the two Thursdays Papers.

Voted; that the Stewards of St Andrew Lodge, be Requested to Joyn and Assist the Grand Stewards for the Preperation of the Ensuing Feast.

Representatives, for the follow^{g} Lodges paid Brother Lowell Grand Treasurer Quartridges — Viz^{t}

St Andrew	1 ,, 4
Tyrion	1 ,, 4
St Peters	1 ,, 4
Berkshire	1 ,, 4
	4 ,, 16

Voted, That the Several Lodges, under this Jurisdiction Pay Six Dollars, Quarterly, for the Support of this Grand Lodge.

The following is Return of the Officers for St Andrew Lodge Chose and Serving for the Ensuing Year, Viz^{t}

Brothers	Paul Revere	Master
	Stephen Bruce	S. W^{d}
	Perez Morton	J. W.
Presented by Brother	John Symmes	P. Mast^{r}

Decr 1st 1777.

Lodge Closed.

At a Grand Lodge held in Ample Form at Mason Hall, Fryday Even^{g} Mar. 7th 1778.

Present.

Most Worshipfull	Joseph Webb Esqr	G M
	Moses Deshon Esqr	D G M
	John Lowell	Treas^{r}
	Thom^{s} Urann	G. Stew^{d}
	John Symmes	P. M^{r}

The few Members Present, Induces the Worship. Grand Master to Adjourn this Grand Lodge to the Next Friday Evening.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, at Masons Hall, by Adjournment, Friday Mar. 14th 1778.

Present.

Most Worshipfull	Joseph Webb Esqr	G M
	Moses Deshon Esqr	D G M
	Edward Procter Esqr	J G D
	Thomas Urann	G Stewd
	Winthrop Gray	G. Stewd
John Pulling		Perez Morton
Phillip Marrett		Nathl Peirce.

Voted That this Grand Lodge be Adjournd till Called together by the Grand Master.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, at Masons Hall — on Special Occasion Jany 30th 1778.

Present.

Most Worshipfull	Joseph Webb Esqr	G M.
	Moses Deshon Esqr	D G M
	Paul Revere Esqr	S G W
	Thomas Crafts Esqr	J G W
	John Lowell	G. Treasr
	Edward Procter Esqr	S G D
	Winthrop Gray	J G D
	Thomas Urann	G Stewd
	John Symmes	
	Stephen Bruce.	

On the Petition of Michael Newell & others — praying for a Charter to Erect a Lodge, to be held in Lancaster in the County of Worcester, by the Name of Trinity Lodge.

Voted Unanr that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

Voted that the fees for a CHARTER to be paid the Treasurer be raised to . . . . . £9 ,,

& Secy Fees be . . . . . 1 ,, 10

Exclusive of the Seal & Vellum.

Grand Lodge Closed.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Masons Hall on Special Occasion Friday Evening May 1st 1778.

Present.

Most Worshipfull	Joseph Webb Esqr	G M
	Samuel Barrett Esqr	S G W
	Edward Procter Esqr	J G W
	Thomas Urann	S G D
	John Symmes	J G D

Winthrop Gray John Pulling	G Stew^{ds}
John Lowell	G Treas^{r}

Voted Unanimously that Brother Nathl Peirce be dismissed as Secretary of this Grand Lodge for a General Neglect of duty.

Voted Unanimously That Brother Willm Hoskins be Grand Secretary for the Present year.

On a Petition of Brother John Piemont & others Presented to this Grand Lodge, Praying for a Charter to Erect a Lodge at Danvers by the Name of the United States Lodge. The same being Read, and the Propriety of the Prayer duly Consid^{d}. Voted Unanimously that the Prayer of The Petitioners be granted, and that the Secretary draw a Charter to be Executed under hands & Seal of this Grand Lodge.

St Andrew Lodge paid 1 ,, 16 Tyrian Lodge paid 1 ,, 16 St Peters Lodge paid 1 ,, 16	5 ,, 8/ p^{d} Grand Treasurer Bro^{r} Lowell.	
Berkshire Trinity	not repres^{d}	

Grand Lodge Closed.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Masons Hall, on Special Occasion, Friday Evening June 5th 1778. —

Present.

Most Worshipfull Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.
Thomas Urann	S G W
Edward Procter Esqr	J G W
Winthrop Gray	S G D
John Pulling	J G D
Wm Palfry Esqr	P. Mast^{r}

Voted That the Memorial Presented this Grand Lodge, in Behalf of Wm Chaloner Geo: Stillman Jon^{a} Lowder, James Avery & Jon^{a} Farnsworth praying for a Charter of New Erection — have leave to withdraw it, on Account of its not being Supported by Sufficient Number of Signers.

Representatives for the follow^{g} Lodges.

Broth^{rs}			
	Bruce	St Andrew Lodge	1 ,, 16
	Pulling	Tyrian	1 ,, 16
	Procter	St Peters	1 ,, 16
	Peirce	Berkshire	1 ,, 16
	Newell	Trinity	1 ,, 16
again	Peirce	paid	1 ,, 16
			10 ,, 16
		deduct p^{d} Tiler	,, 12
paid Bro^{r} Procter, for Br^{o} Grand Treas^{r}			10 ,, 4

At a MEETING of the GRAND LODGE, at Mason Hall — Friday Evening, third Quarter — Sep^{t} 4th 1778.

Present.

Most Worshipfull		
	Joseph Webb Esqr	G^{d} Mast^{r}
	Samuel Barratt Esqr	S^{r} G^{d} W^{d}
	Thom^{s} Urann	J^{r} G^{d} W^{d}
	John Lowell	G^{d} T^{r}
	William Hoskins	G^{d} Sec^{y}
	John Symmes	S^{r} G^{d} } Deacons
	John Pulling	J^{r} G^{d} } Deacons
	James Carter	G^{d} Clk.

a Petition of Doc^{r} Wm Chaloner & others, for a Charter of Erection, being Read, Voted the prayer be Granted and that the Grand Secretary form a Dispensation to be Executed forthwith, by the Officers of this Grand Lodge — under the Name of Warren.

Brothers		
Barratt for	St Andrew	1 ,, 16
Pulling	Tyrian	1 ,, 16
Lowell	St Peters p^{d}	1 ,, 16
Peirce	Berkshire	1 ,, 16
Symmes	Trinity	1 ,, 16
Not Represented	United States	,, ,,
		£9 ,, ,,
	deduct paid Tyler	,, 12
	paid the Grand Treas^{r} L Money	8 ,, 8

Grand Lodge Closed untill the first Friday in Decem^{r} unless Calld, upon Emergency.

At a MEETING of the GRAND LODGE at Masons Hall, Friday Evening, Last Quarter, Decem^{r} 4th 1778

Present.

Most Wp Joseph Webb Esqr	G^{d} Mast^{r}
Saml Barratt Esqr	} G^{d} Wardens
Edwd Procter Esq	} G^{d} Wardens
John Lowell	Treas^{r}
Wm Hoskins	G^{d} Sec^{y}
Wm Burbeck Esqr	P M^{r}
John Symmes	S^{r} G^{d} } Deacons
Jon^{a} Eades	J^{r} G^{d} } Deacons
Thom^{s} Urann	G^{d} Stew^{d}
James Carter	G Clk
Nath Peirce Prox	Berkshire Lodge
Phillip Marrett — Prox —	Tyrion Lodge.

Brothers			
	Barratt	St Andrew	1 ,, 16
PROXEIS	Lowell	St Peter	1 ,, 16
	Marratt	Tyrian	1 ,, 16
	Symmes	Trinity	1 ,, 16
	Peirce	Berkshire	1 ,, 16
	Carter	United States	1 ,, 16
		do —	1 ,, 16
			12 ,, 12
		Deduct Paid Tyler	,, 12
		Paid Gd Treasr	£12 ,,

The Grand Lodge Proceeded to the Choice of Grand Officers for the Ensuing Year.

Voted The Most Worshipfull Jos: Webb, Esqr be Grand Master for the Year Ensuing.

Voted, the following Officers, for the Grand Lodge,

Samuel Barratt Esqr	S Gd } Wardens.
Paul Revere Esqr	J Gd } Wardens.
John Lowell	Gd Treas
William Hoskins	Gd Secy
Thomas Crafts Esqr	S. Gd } Deacons,
Edwd Procter Esqr	J Gd } Deacons,
Thomas Urann	} Gd Stewards.
Winthrop Gray	} Gd Stewards.
— — — —	Gd Marshall
John Whitten	Gd Swd Bearer.
John Cade	Gd Tiler.

The Grand Master, desired the Opinion of the Grand Lodge: Respecting, Celebrating Festival of Saint John the Evangelist.

Voted, the Celebration of Said Festival be at Free Mason Hall, on Monday the 28th Instant.

Voted the Stewards of St Andrew's Lodge be Joyned to the Stewards of the Grand Lodge for preparing the Feast.

Voted, two more be Added — Vizt Brothers Hoskins & Procter, and that they Agree with Bror Wort for an Elegant Dinner.

Motioned, Seconded and

Voted, a Committee be Appointed to Wait upon The Revd Mr Howard, Requesting him to Preach a Sermon to the Masons, on Monday the 28th.

That the Committee, consist of three

Brothers Revere
Pierce
Procter.

That they Make Report to the Grand Master of their doings.

Voted the Celebration be Advertised in two News Papers, also Voted there be a Colection for the Poor of the Town, on that

[occasion], and said Colection be deposited in the Hands of the Overseers.

Voted the two Grand Deacons, Assist the Deacon's of the Meeting in the Contribution that day.

This Grand Lodge Closed to the 28th of this Month unless call'd together upon some Emergency.

Rt Worshipfull

Brot Piemont presented a list of Officers for the United States Lodge, Holding at Danvers Oct 6th 1778.

James Carter — Proxy.	John Piemont	M.
	John Stacey	S W
	Amos Putnam	J W
	Enoch Putnam	Treas
	Andw Putnam	Secy
	Nathl Gott	S. D.
	Nathl Greenwood	J. D.
	Mathw Fairfield, Joseph Knowlton	Stewds

Rt Worshipfull

Brot Revere presents a List of Officers for St Andrew's Lodge, Ensuing Year.

Sigourney, Coolidge	Stewards
F : Pulcipher, J : Graham	Closet Stewards.
Barrat — Tyler.	

Paul Revere M.
Wm Hoskins S W.
Jona Eades J W.
Saml Barrat Treas
Jams Carter Secy
Thomas S D
Donnell J D

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Free Mason Hall, on Special Occasion Friday Evening Decemr 18th 1778.

Present.

Most Worshipfull	Joseph Webb Esqr	Gd Mastr
	Paul Revere Esqr	Sr Gd, Jr Gd — Wardens Pro : Temp.
	Thomas Urann	
	Wm Hoskins	Gd Secy
	Winthrop Gray	Sr Gd, Jr Gd — Deacons Pro : Temp.
	John Symmes	
	James Carter	Proxy United States Lodge.
	James Jackson.	Masr Massa Lodge.
	Edward Gray	Sr Warden of Do Pro. Tempo.

A petition was presented from the Massachts Lodge, Signed Wm Palfrey Mastr James Jackson, Sr Wd Edward Gray Jr Warden — Setting forth that the Exigency of the times, would not admit of their Assembling sooner, and praying Said Lodge may Retain the Rank, they formerly held under this Grand Lodge.

Voted, the Prayer of Said Petition be Granted.

Bro Colo Revere, one of the Committee Nominated to wait on Mr

Howard — Reports — That the Revd Mr Howard will deliver a Sermon to the Body of Masons, at the Old Brick Meeting [-house] on Monday 28th Decem*, and that the Revd Messrs Clarke, and Laugthrop, will also Attend.

Voted, the Three Reverend Gentlemen be Invited to dine — also — the Revd Messrs White & Parker on the 28th Instant.

Voted The Honble General Gates, and such of his Family, who are Masons, be waited upon, & Invited to dine at the Feast.

Voted a Committee Consisting of three, be Appointed for that Purpose.

Nominated & Voted } Brothers { Revere, J. Jackson, Wint. Gray } Com^{ttee}

Reckning not Paid.

Grand Lodge Closed to 28th Ins^{t}

At a MEETING of the GRAND LODGE in Ample Form on Monday the 28th December 1778 to Celebrate the Festival of St John the Evangelist at Free Mason Hall.

Present.

Honble

Gener^{l} Gates : Most Worsh^{l} Jos : Webb : G M : Revd Mr Howard.

Revd Mr Clarke, Saml Barrat Esqr — S G W. Revd Mr Lothrop

J G W Revd Mr Parker

G Trea^{s}

G Sec^{y}

S. G. } Deacons
J. G. }

and The family of Genl. Gates. { Paul Revere Esqr, John Lowell —, Wm Hoskins, Thomas Crafts Esqr, Edwd Procter Esqr, Thom^{s} Urann, Col^{o} Davis, Maj^{r} Tyler —, John Barrat, } G^{d} Stewards

G^{d} Marshall

G^{d} Sword Bearer. —

Col^{o} Burbeck	F. Pulcipher
John Symmes	Bro. Bradley
Bro : Donnell	John Herc
Asa Stodder	Bro : Welch
Ad : Colson	Wm Williams
Allex : Thomas	Bro : Sampre
Bro : Loring	Bro : Barker
Capt Ruggles	John Barrat
Bro. Doane	Bro. Digge
Maj^{r} Melvill	Bro : Swift
John Coolidge	Bro : Bradford
John Boit	Allex^{r} Mackey
Doc^{r} Wright	J : Jackson
Saml Gore	Jno Butterfield
Bro : Magner	M : Newell
Capt Marrat	Bro : Devol
Jon^{a} Eades	Bro : Tuckerman

Bro: Chace	Bro: F. Compede
Bro: McElroy	Robt Hichborn
Capt N. Fellows	Majr Brown
Elias Thomas	Bro: Howe
Tho: Loring	Docr Winship
Bro. Ruggles	Bro: Garier
Bro. Snoden	Bro: Craige
Bro. Townsend	Bro: Crocker
Benja Coolidge	Bro: Homans
Capt Jno Haynes	Bro: Clements
John Procter	Tho: Russell
Capt Adams	Capt Compston
Saml Hearn	Bro: Webber
Jams Carter	P. Bridge
Bro: Audibert	Bro: Gardner
Bro: Shattuck	Bro Morrill
Silas Atkins	P: Monroe
Capt Cornl Fellows	Bro: Parker
Bro: Swan	Bro: Peck
J. Watters	Bro: Balch
J. Fenno	Bro: Dunkerly
Bro: Warren	Bro: Boies
Capt Crafts	Jno Merrit
Jona Stodder	Bro: Peirpoint
Hy Simpson	Bro: Rogers
Benja Brown	Docr Welch
Capt Parks	J. Newell
Mos. Pollock	J. Reed
Abiel Peirce	& Fifers.
Bro: Fletcher	

Reckning		288 ,, 10 ,, —
3 printers, Advers & Tickets		7 ,, 4 ,, —
		295 ,, 14 ,, —
103 persons @ 48/	247: 4 —	
Colected 105 dollr	31: 10 —	
	278: 14 —	

Bro: N. Pierce, S. Clarke, B. Homans was present. — not paid. —

The Brethren Marched, to the Old Brick Meeting House where the Revd Mr Howard Preached a Sermon, Revends Messrs Lothrop & Clarke, Assisted, after which a Colection was made for the Poor of this Town, then Returned to the Hall, and after Partaking of an Elegant Feast,

Voted the Thanks of the Grand Lodge be given to the Revd Mr Howard for his Sermon deliverd this day, and that the following Brethren, wait upon him, Return him thanks & Request a Copy of the Same for the Press.

Brothers Barrat, Revere, Procter, Crafts and Lowell, Received a Copy for the Press.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge Mar. 5th 5779.

Present

Worshipful Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.
Samuel Barrett Esqr	S. G. W.
Thomas Crafts Esqr	J. G. W.
William Palfrey Esqr	S. G. D
Edward Procter Esqr	J. G. D.
John Lowell	G. T.
James Carter	Dy G. S.
Thomas Urann	G. S.

James Jackson.	John Pulling
John Piemont	Jona W Edes Esqr
John Symmes	John Pulling.

The Petition from a number of French Brors desirous of holding a Lodge under this Jurisdiction was read. Voted, That Brothers Crafts Palfrey and Piemont be a Committee to wait on the French Consul to enquire whether they are persons of Character, & that their petition be defer'd to the adjournment.

The Petition presented from William McKean Thomas Dodge & others praying for liberty to hold a Lodge at Ipswage, — read, & defer'd to adjournment.

The petition from George Abbott & others desirous of holding a Lodge at Salem defer'd to adjournment.

Voted. That Brothers Lowell, Barrett, & Procter be a Committee to raise the quarterages &c in such manner as shall be necessary to defray the expences of the Gd Lodge.

Brother John Symmes Proxy for Trinity Lodge, presented a list of the members belonging to sd Lodge — which are as follows —

Edmund Heard	M.
James Wilder	S. W.
Richd P. Bridge	J. W.
Samuel Ward	T.
Timothy Harrington	Secy
Ebenr Bradish	S. D.
Levi Wilder	J. D.
Ephm Carter	Stewd
Nat. Payne	do

John Newman,	Nathaniel Payne,
Charles Chalner,	Robert Ruggles,
Samuel Willard,	Moses Smith,
Samuel Adams,	Joseph Carter,
Benjamin Kimbal,	Jonas Fairbanks,
Jesse Harrington,	John Stanton,
Andrew Cunningham,	Clark Chandler,
Wm Caldwell,	Ezra Jones,
Amos Johnson,	Epm Wyman,

Daniel Bigelow,	Jn° Willson,
John Prescott,	Isaac Jones,
Samuel Ward,	Josi: Moore,
Samuel Chandler,	Gardner Wilder,
Joseph Trumbull,	Jon^a Whitney,
Josiah Adams,	Phenias Sawyer.
Winslow Phelps,	

The Lodge adjourn'd to Mar 9th

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge Mar. 9th [5779]

Worshipful Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.
William Burbeck	S. W. P. T.
Thomas Urann	J. W. P. T.
John Pulling Esq:	S. G. D.
James Jackson	J. G. D.
James Carter	D^y S.

John Symmes	John Tiler Esq.
John Piemont	Samuel Barrett, Esqr
Jonathan W. Edes Esq.	

St Andrews Lodge	£1 ,, 16
Massachusetts	1 ,, 16
St Peters	1 ,, 16
Tyrian	1 ,, 16
Trinity Lodge	1 ,, 16
Berkshire	
United States	1 ,, 16
Warren	
	£10 ,, 16

Committee, upon the Petition of McKean & others report, that they think it for the advantage of Masonry, their prayer should be granted.

VOTED, That all Charters granted by this G^d Lodge in future be £30.

Voted, That the dues from each Lodge be £6.

Voted, That the Sec^y have for engrossing a Charter £6.

Voted, That the Petition from the French brothers be granted.

Voted, That the Petition of W^m McKean & others be granted.

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petition of George Abbot, and others, be granted.

Voted, That the Toiler have £1 ,, 4. —

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge upon Emergency April 13th 1779.

Present.

Wpful Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.
Thomas Urann	S. W.
Edward Procter Esqr	J, W.

John Lowell Esqr	G. T.
James Carter	D^{y} G. S.
John Symmes	S. G. D.
John Pulling	J. G. D.

The petition of Nathaniel Greenwood, Francis Yates and Jos Wyer a Committee in behalf of Danvers Lodge "setting forth the disadvantage of holding their Lodge at Danvers and praying it might be removed to the Town of Beverly for reasons therein set forth," was read.

The Grand Lodge taking the same into serious Consideration are pleas'd

Unanimously to grant the prayer of their Petition, and the said UNITED STATES Lodge, is in future to be held in the said Town of Beverly, and all their proceedings there, to be firm, and valid, to all intents & purposes, as though the Name of Danvers had not been mentioned in their Charter of Erection.

Attest

JAMES CARTER D^{y} G. Sec^{y}

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, Held at Masons Arms, on Special Occasion, Friday Even^{g} April 30th 1779.

Present,

Wpfull Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.
Sam^{ll} Barratt Esqr	S. G. W.
Thom^{s} Urann	J. G. W.
Wm Hoskins	G. S^{y}
Jam^{s} Jackson	S. G. D. } Pro:
John Symmes	J. G. D } Temp^{o}
Wm Burbeck Esqr }	P. Mast^{rs}
Edwd Procter Esqr }	
Capt Jon^{a} Eades,	J W^{d} St And^{rw}
Winth^{o} Gray Esqr	P. M^{r}

Motiond & Seconded — That the Vote respecting the United States Lodge: at the Last Grand Lodge Night; be Suspended, by Reason of a petition being Presented,

Read & debated at the Grand Lodge — dated 27th Instant, Signed by Nine Members of that Lodge against a removal to Beverly.

Motiond, Seconded & Voted

That the two Petitions presented from the Members & Committee of the United States Lodge, to this Grand Lodge, Respecting their Removal to Beverly — be coppied & sent by the Grand Secretary to the Master of that Lodge, that he be desired to Call his Lodge together Immediately, and know the Minds of the Members. (Consistent with the By Laws) Respecting a Removal of it — and that they Transmit to the Grand Lodge a Copy of their proceedings & the result of their determinations, to be further Acted upon.

This Grand Lodge Closed to the first friday in June.

At a Meeting of the GRAND LODGE, Held at Masons Hall, on Special Occasion, Friday Even^{g} May 21st 1779.

Present.

Most Wp Joseph Webb Esqr	G^{d} M^{r}	
Paul Revere Esqr	S^{r} G^{d}	W^{ds}
Edward Procter Esqr	J^{r} G^{d}	W^{ds}
Thom^{s} Urann	S^{r} G^{d}	Deac^{s}
Jam^{s} Jackson	J^{r} G^{d}	Deac^{s}
Wm Hoskins	G^{d} Sec^{y}	
Wm Burbeck Esqr	P. M.	
Nathl Peirce,	Prox^{y} for Berk. L.	
John Symmes,	Prox : for Trin^{y} L.	
Jon^{a} Eades	J W^{d} St And^{w} L.	

The following Members from the United States Lodge being Admited into the Grand Lodge, Viz^{t}

Bro^{r} Nath: Greenwood	Amos Putnam
Franc^{s} Yates	Nathl Gott
Joseph Wyer	Enoch Putnam

Having by writing Reported the determination of their Lodge at their Last Meeting; and answer'd to Several pointed Questions Made by this Grand Lodge particularly to the Constitution, Page 314. They withdrew.

The Grand Lodge then Came into the following Resolve.—

WHEREAS a Petition was presented to this Grand Lodge Under the 14th April 1779, By Nathl Greenwood, Francis Yates, & Joseph Wyer, a Committee from the United States Lodge, Holding in Danvers Under this Jurisdiction — Praying said Lodge may be Removed to the Town of Beverly. —

The Grand Lodge Conceived, this Committee & Petitioners to be the Unanimous Voice of Said Lodge, did Grant the prayer of Said Petition. Since which a Petition has been preferrd to the Grand Lodge By Brother Putnam, & others, Members, of Said Lodge, praying the Lodge might not be Removed, for Reasons set forth in said Petition, whereupon The Grand Lodge Suspended the Removal.

The Petitioners having been heard (this Evening) It fully Appeard to The Grand Lodge; that there were more than Five Members, who, are willing to Support said Lodge. It is therefore the Unanimous Opinion of this Grand Lodge, that no Lodge may be Removed to any other Town, So Long as Five Members Continue to Support it We Therefore Recommend to the Members of Said Lodge they Cultivate Brotherly Love, and Friendship — the Cement of Masonary — that the Vulgar may not take the Advantage of any little difficulty that [may] Arise among Masons, to bring the Craft into disrepute.

Voted the G Sec^{ry} furnish the United States Lodge, by their Committee — with a fair Copy of this Resolve.

The Grand Lodge Closed to the first Friday in the Ensuing Month.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, Held at Free Mason Hall, on Friday Evening June 4th 1779, Second Quarterly Communication.

Present.

Most Worshp[l]	Joseph Webb Esq[r]	G[d] M[r]
	Samuel Barratt Esq[r]	S. G. W
	W[m] Burbeck Esq[r]	J. G. W.
	W[m] Hoskins	G. S[y]
	Thomas Urann	S. G. D.
	John Symmes	J. G. D.
	Jon[a] Eades	J. W. of S[t] And[w]
	Edward Gray	J. W. of Mass[a]
	John Whitten	G[d] Sw[d] Bear[r]

1. S[t] Andrews Lodge	£6 ,, —	6. Trinity . . .	6 ,, —
2. Massachusetts .	6 ,, —	7. United States . . .	
3. S[t] Peters		8. Essex	
4. Tyrian		9. Unity . . .	Nothing.
5. Berkshire		10. Warren not opend	d°

Paid £18 ,, —

Voted, Brothers, Col° Burbeck, Edw[d] Gray & W[m] Hoskins, be a Committee to wait upon Brothers *Monsieurs* Gurscard, Bibate, Lafitte, & others, who Petitiond this Grand Lodge for a Charter of Erection the fifth of March, which Charter upon a proper proof of their Character was Granted — Notifying them of the same — and Make Report at the Next Quarterly Communication.

Voted the Lodges, under this Jurisdiction be Reminded, that the Grand Lodge, at their last Meeting Raised the Quartridges at Six Pounds, for the better Support of the Grand Lodge.

Voted that those Lodges which have not lately been Represented be wrote to.

Voted, that the G. Sec[y] Write to the Commissary of Prisoners, at Rutland, and know the Rank of Rich[d] Speaight & others, who have Petitioned this Grand Lodge, to Use their Influence with the Honorable Council, to Grant them a Parole to go to New York — promising, an Exchange of Officers of Like Rank.

Voted the Grand Tylers Account, for the Tiling & delivery of Summon's the last four Evenings be allowed & paid at Thirty Six Shillings p[r] Night.

Voted the Celebration of S[t] John the Baptist be Omitted, this Warm Season.

Colected	£18 ,,
Paid the Tyler	7 ,, 4
	10 ,, 16

Adjournd to the First Friday In September.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Free-Mason Hall, Friday Evening Septemb^{r} 3^{d} 1779 — third Quarterly Communication.

Present

Most Worshipf Joseph Webb Esqr	G^{d} M^{r}
Thomas Urann	S G^{d} W^{d}
Edward Procter Esqr	J G W^{d} P : T :
Wm Hoskins	G^{d} Sec^{y}
John Symmes	S. G. D.
James Jackson	J. G. D.
John Lowell	G^{d} Trea^{r}

Broth^{rs}

Jam^{s} Carter	Prox^{y} for
Jon^{a} Eades	J W^{d} St And^{w}
Thom^{s} Love	S W^{d} Mass^{a}
W^{m} McKeen	Mr Unity L^{ge} at Ipswich.
La Barbier Duplassie	Mr Friendship Lodge,

Bro^{r} Duplassie applyd for the Charter of Erection, for Friendship Lodge, as formerly Granted by this Grand Lodge, to him & others, which was deliverd him, for which he Paid the Fees.

S^{t}. Andrew,	p^{d}	£6	United States	12 ,,
Massach^{tts}	p^{d}	6	Essex	
St Peters	p^{d}	12	Unity	6 ,,
Tyrian			Warren	6 ,,
Berkshire			Friendship not	
Trinity			Consit^{d}	
				24 ,,
		£24		24 ,,
				48 ,,
			p^{d} the Tyler	1 ,, 16 ,,
			p^{d} Treas^{r}	46 ,, 4 ,,

Bro^{r} McKeen, Mast^{r} of Unity Lodge at Ipswich Presented a Return of the Officers & Members.

W^{m} McKeen	M^{r}
Thom^{s} Dodge	S. W^{d}
Jam^{s} Eveleth	J W^{d}
Joshua Fisher	Sec^{y}
Nathl Wade	S D.
Ishmael Reves	J D
Thom^{s} Hodgkins	Stew^{d}

Thomas McFagan	Danl Giddins
James Perkins	Wm Chandler Junr
Aaron Stanford	Wm Dodge

Jabez Farley
Wallis Rust
Daniel Low
Willm Dinnis
John Graves Tyler.

A Petition of Wm Grovy and others from the Town of Beverly praying for a Charter of Erection for holding a Lodge in said Town by the Name of Amity.

Voted, the prayer be Granted.

Grand Lodge Closed.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge on Special Occasion at the Free Mason Arms, Wednesday Sixth of Octob^{r} 1779.

Present

Most Worshipfull Joseph Webb Esqr G^{d} Mast^{r}
Samuel Barratt Esqr S G W
Edward Procter Esqr J. G. W.
Thomas Urann S. G. D.
James Jackson J. G. D.
Willm Hoskins G. S:
R^{t} Wpf La Barbier Duplasie Mas^{r} Friendship Lodge
John Symmes Prox Warren Lodge.

The Petition of John Peirce & others; praying this Grand Lodge would Grant them a Charter for holding a Travelling Lodge, Having Nominated General John Patterson Master, Col^{o} Benj^{a} Tupper S W^{d} and Maj^{r} Willm Hull J. W^{d}

Voted, a Charter be Granted them, for holding Regular Lodges, Make Masons, Pass and Raise, in this State or any of the United States of America, where no other Grand Master presides, But in any other State where there is a Grand Master, Constituted by the Brethren of these United States, they are to Inform him, and Receive his Sanction.

Voted all Travelling Lodges, holding under this Jurisdiction pay to the Grand Lodge for every New made Mason thirty Shillings, to be applyd, to the Fund of Charity.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Masons Arms Friday Evening Decem^{r} 3^{d} 1779. Last Quarter.

Present.

Most Worshipfull Joseph Webb Esqr G^{d} Master.
Paul Revere Esqr S. G. W.
Thom^{s} Crafts Esqr J. G. W.
John Lowell G^{d} Treas^{r}
Wm Hoskins G^{d} Sec^{y}
Edwd Procter Esqr S. G. D.
Jam^{s} Jackson J. G. D. Pro. Tem.
John Symmes } Past Masters
Thom^{s} Urann }

	Jon^{a} Eades	S. W^{d} St And^{w}	
	Allex^{r} Thomas	J W^{d} St And^{w}	
	La B^{a} Duplassie	Mr Friends : Lodge.	
	Le Chas. Descard	S W — d^{o} —	
	Janeau	J W — d^{o} —	
	Saml Bradford	S W^{d} Mass^{a}	
N° 1. St Andrew	£6 ,, —	8. Warren	6 ,, —
2. Tyrian		9. Essex	
3. Massachusetts	6 ,, —	10. Unity	
4. St Peters	6 ,, —	11. Friendship	6 ,, —
5. Berkshire	19 ,, 16	12. Amity	
6. Trinity	12 ,, —	13. Washington	
7. United States			———
	———		12 ,, —
	49 ,, 16	Brot forw^{d}	49 ,, 16
			———
			61 ,, 16
		paid the Tiler	6 ,, —
			———
		paid Treasurer	55 ,, 16

The Grand Lodge Proceeded to the Choice of Grand Officers. Voted

Worshipfull Joseph Webb Esqr	Grand Master.
Saml Barrat Esqr	D^{ty} G^{d} Master.
Paul Revere Esqr	S. G. W^{d}
Thomas Crafts Esqr	J. G. W^{d}.
John Lowell Esqr	G^{d} Treas^{r}
Wm Hoskins	G^{d} Sec^{y}
Edwd Procter Esqr	S. G. D.
James Jackson	J. G. D.
Thom^{s} Urann } Winth. Gray }	G^{d} Stew^{ds}
John Tyler Esqr	G^{d} Marshall.
La Ba : Duplassie	G^{d} Sw^{d} Bearer.
—— Rouilstone	G^{d} Tiler.

Voted the Charge & Expence, for Burial of the Remains of our late Deputy Grand Master Moses Deshon Esqr Amounting to One hundred & twelve pounds 4/ Currency, be allowed and paid out of the Stock of this Grand Lodge.

Voted the Feast of St John the Evangelist be Celebrated the 27th Instant, that the Grand Stewards, Stewards of Saint Andrew & Friendship Lodges, with Col^{o} Procter & William Hoskins be the Committee to Treat with Broth^{r} Wort for an Elegant Dinner.

Voted the Celebration of the Feast be Inserted in two Public Papers, & that Ticketts be Printed to be disposed of to the Members & Brethren and that the Same shall be at Nine Pounds.

Voted the Lodges, under this Jurisdiction pay into the hands of

the Grand Treasurer, for the Support of the Grand Lodge Nine pounds, Quarterly.

Voted the Grand Tiler be allowed & paid, Twenty dollars Each Quarter Night, for delivery of Summon's, attendance &c, at this Grand Lodge.

Voted Worshipfull Brother Webb, Col° Revere & Capt Barrat be a Committee, to Wait on Doc^r John Warren Requesting the delivery of the Charter, Granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to our Late Deceas^d Grand Master.

Voted the Grand Secretary furnish the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, with a list of the Choice of Grand Officers, augmentation of Quartridges, Arrearages, & that they would recommend a punctual attendance of their Proxys, at the Grand Lodge.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge in Ample Form Monday 27th December, 1779, at Free Mason Hall, To Celebrate the Feast of St John the Evangelist.

Present.

The Most Worship^l	Joseph Webb Esqr	Grand Master
	Saml Barrat Esqr	D G M^r
R^t Wp. Bro.	Duplassieu	
	Wm Burbeck Esqr	P. M.
	Thom^s Urann	P. M.

Wm Hoskins	Robt Fairservice
Jon^a Eades	Josh^a Cheever
Benj^a Coolidge.	John Procter
Jos : Bush	George Mills
Doc^r Chaloner	Danl Malcom
John Rand	John Magner
Capt Rickett	John Swift
Adam Colson	Bro^r Jareau
Abra : Eustis	Jutau
Mart D St Prea	Canteloup
H^y Simpson	G : Defraime
Bro : Cutter	Ja : Duper
Allen Crocker	Jon^a Stoder
Bro : Holbrook	Jos : Webber
Su^t Hooper	Jo : Whittemore
Jos : Wells	Simon Hall
Br° Wallack	J. W. Roades
Is^a Audibert	Jos^e Eades
Bro : Sarman.	Tho : Prince
Allex^r Thomas	Benj^a Shaw
Zach : Donnell	Tim° Green
Asa Stoder	Capt Adams
John Coolidge	John Crocker
N. Willis	Franc. Rust

N Fellows	Nat. Hichborn
Maj^{r} Hopkins	P. Frasier
Nah. Jones	Jam^{s} Gordon
Doc^{r} Williams	Bro: Ferray
Daffarney.	Jno Tuffts.

The Celebration was Conducted, with Dignity, Propriety, and Harmony: Such as is to be found and Injoyd: only among Masons.

Reckoning . . . by Amount . .		£
63 Brethren Admitted. a £9		567 ,, —
deduct p^{d} Mr Eades the Printer	£9	45
& Bro^{r} Willis 9 . . for Tickets	36	
27		522 ,, —

At the Constituting of Friendship Lodge N^{o} — at Boston, Tuesday Evening Jany 25th: 1780.

Present.

The Most Wpfull	Joseph Webb Esqr	G^{d} M^{r}
	Saml Barrat Esqr	D. G. M^{r}
	Paul Revere Esqr	S. G. W.
	Tho: Crafts Esqr	J G W.
	John Lowell	G. Tr.
	Wm Hoskins	G. S.
	Edwd Procter Esqr	S. G. D.
	Jam^{s} Jackson	J. G. D.
	Tho. Urann Win^{t} Gray	G. Stew^{ds}
	Jno Tyler Esqr	G. M.
	Wm Palfrey Jno Symmes	P. M^{rs}

The Most Worshipfull Grand Master, Address'd the Members & Brethren of the Lodge upon the Subject of the Business — and requested, to know, their Appointment of Master, upon wch Bro^{r} La Ba. Duplassis was Presented, being put to Vote it Passed Unia^{s}. The Grand Master then gave the Charges, and Invested the Master, with the Badges of a Master of a Lodge, Explaining the Guides & Cautions that are Requisite, and Proper at Installments. Then Pronounced, Brother La Ba. Duplassis R^{t} Worshipfull Master of Friendship Lodge The Members & Visitors then Congratulated him. The Grand Officers (According to Seniority) Paid the same Respect Then the Master appointed the Officers for the Lodge and Invested them with their Jewells, upon which the Senior & Junior Grand Wardens, Gave the Charges to the Senr & Junr Wardens. The whole was Conducted with good order & decorum.

After which an Elegant Supper was Provided. The Grand Master

Previously directing the Grand Sec^y to Transmit a Coppy of the foregoing to all Lodges under this Jurisdiction And Closing the Lodge.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, Friday March 3^d 1780, at Free Mason Hall, first Quarter,

Present.

The Most Worshf^ll	Joseph Webb Esqr	G^d M^r
	Paul Revere	S. G. W.
	Edwd Procter	J. G. W.
	Wm Hoskins	G S
	Jam^s Jackson	S G. D.
	John Symmes	J. G. D
	Thom: Urann	G. Stew^d
	Perez Morton	of Mass^a S. W^d
	Bro^r Guiscard	of Friendship S. W^d
	Bro^r Janeau	of d^o J. W^d
	Jon^a Eades S. W. / Alex^r Thomas J. W.	of St Andrew
	Maj^r Jos: Hillier	S. W. of Essex.

Lodges under this Jurisdiction — Viz^t

St Andrew	9	Warren	
Tyrian		Essex 3.@£6 +1. £9	27
St Peters		Unity	9
Berkshire		Friendship	9
Trinity		Amity	
United States		Washington	
Massachusetts	9		
	18		45 ,,
			18 ,,
			£63 ,,

Washington Lodge N° Laid before this Grand Lodge a Copy of their By Laws, also a List of Officers & Members, of that Travelling Lodge.

Also, Essex Lodge (p Brother Hilyer) Presented a Return of Choice of Officers and List of Members for that Lodge — the same being Read and filed. The Grand Master was pleased to Close the Grand Lodge to First Friday in June.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Free Mason Hall, on Special Occasion, Friday Evening, March 17th 1780.

Present.

Most Wpfull	Jos: Webb Esqr	G^d M^r
	Paul Revere	S G W.
	Edwd Procter	J G W
	Wm Palfrey	S G D
	Jam^s Jackson	J. G. D

John Lowell	G Tr
W Hoskins	G S
Tho: Urann	G. Stewd
John Tyler	G. Marsll
D. Chaloner	M. Warren Lodge
Jona Eades	S. W. of St Andw

Brother Davis Presented a Petition Signed by Theodore Davis, Oliver Whipple, George Doig and others — Praying for a Charter of Erection for holding a Lodge at Portsmouth in the State of New Hampshire, By the Name of St Patricks Lodge.

Voted the Prayer of the petitionrs be granted, and that the Grand Secretary Make out a dispensation for Holding a Lodge in that State; That their doings, under This Jurisdiction be Valid and Remain in full force untill a Grand Master for said State be Appointed, or during the pleasure of this Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge Clos'd to 1st Friday In June.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Free Mason Arms Friday Evening June 2d 1780 Second in the Quarter.

Present.

Most Wpfull Joseph Webb Esqr	Gd Mr
Saml Barrat Esqr	D G M.
Paul Revere	S G W
Tho: Urann	J G W
Jno Lowell	G Tr
Jona Eades	S G D
Jams Jackson	J G D
Edwd Heard	Mr Trinity Lodge.
Jams Wilder	S. Wd Do
Michl Newell	P. Mr Do
Tho: Love	S. Wd Massachs Lodge.
P. Lebarbier Duplessis	Mr Friendship Lodge
George Defrance	J. W of do
John Symmes	P. Mr of St Andw Lodge
Nathl Greenwood	S. Wd of Amity Lodge
Colo Bradford	of Washington Lodge.

St Andrew	9	Friendship	9 ,,
Tyrian		Amity	24 ,,
Massachusttts	9 ,,	Washington	
St Peter's	9 ,,	St Peter's [St Patrick's]	
Berkshire			
Trinity	18 ,,		33 ,,
United States		brot forward	54 ,,
Warren	9 ,,		
Essex			87
Unity		pd Tiler	6 ,,
	£54 ,,		81 ,,

Gd Treasurer.

This Grand Lodge, Received a letter from Unity Lodge, Inclosing One Hundred Pounds for the late Grand Master Doct^r Warrens Children, the same being Read,

Whereupon Voted,

That the Treasurer write to Said Lodge and Return them the Thanks of the Grand Lodge for the same.

A Letter from Richard Harris Master of a Lodge at Marblehead, Representing the Mal Conduct of Jeremiah Procter was read & referrd to the Next Lodge Night

Grand Lodge Closed to first Friday in Sep^t.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Free Mason Hall, Friday Septem^r 1st 1780, third Quarter.

Present.

Most Worshipfull	Joseph Webb Esqr	G^d Master.
	Samuel Barrat Esqr	D G M.
	Edward Procter Esqr	S G W.
	James Jackson	J G W.
	Thomas Urann	S G D
	Wintho: Gray	J G D.
	John Lowell	G^d Treas^r
	Wm Hoskins	G^d Secy
	Allex^r Thomas of St And^w	J. W^d
	Thom^s Love of Mass^a	S. W.
	George Defrance Late of Friendship Lodge,	J. W.
	Jam^s Avery and John Symmes	Prox. Warren Lodge.

Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

St Andrew	p^d 9 ,,	Unity	
Tyrion		Friendship	9 ,,
Massach^ts	9 ,,	Amity	
Berkshire		Washington	
Trinity	9 ,,	St Patrick	
United States		St Peter's	9 ,,
Warren	9 ,,	Essex	
			18 ,,
	36 ,,		36 ,,
			£54 ,,
		the Tiler	6 ,,
			48 ,,

A Letter from Brother Henry Sewell Sec^y of Washington Lodge, dated July 20th, 1780, Inclosing a Return of Officers, and Members

belonging to that Lodge, also a list of Masons Made to July 29th Consisting of 104, at five do'lars Each, Remitted & Paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Brother Defrance Late Junr Warden of Friendship Lodge Presented a Petition, with Extracts from the Records of that Lodge, Setting forth his Expulsion, as an Officer and Member for Mal-Conduct, Praying the Grand Lodge would direct the Necessary Inquirys, Whereupon Voted a Committee of three be Appointed to see into the Grounds of the Charge, Brothers Barratt, Procter & Jackson — and that they Report at the Next Quarterly Communication.

The Worshipfull Grand Master, laid before the Grand Lodge a letter dated Philadelpa August 19th 1780. Signed — William Smith Grand Secy, Inclosing a Printed List of the Several Lodges in Pensilvania under that Jurisdiction, and Advising that they Had in their Grand Lodge, thought it Expedient to Make Choice of a Grand Master General for the Thirteen United American States, That they had Nominated His Excellency General George Washington, Requesting the Opinion and Approbation of This Grand Lodge thereon, Voted Circular Letters be Wrote to the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction Requesting Attendance of Master & Wardens at the Next Adjournment, for their Opinion, Or that they give Instructions to their Proxys, on this Subject.

Grand Lodge Adjourned to Friday the 22d Instant.

At a Meeting of The Grand Lodge at Mason Hall, Friday Evening 22d September 5780. On Special Occasion.

Present.

Most Worshipfull	Joseph Webb Esqr	Gd Mastr
	Paul Revere Esqr	S G W
	Jams Jackson	J Gd W.
	Allexr Thomas	G. Secy pro Temp.
	Thomas Urann	Gd S. D
	John Symmes	G. Jr D
	John Lowell	Gd Treasr
	Jona Eades of St	Andw S. W.
J. Hilyer Esqr		Jams Swan Esqr
John Piemont		J Avery,
Winthrop Gray,		Brotr St Preay.—

Voted a Committee of Five be appointed to Write an address to all Masons in the Thirteen United States (under this Jurisdiction) The Subject, Masonary. Worshipfull Jos: Webb Esqr William Palfrey, Paul Revere, Perez Morton, John Lowell, and that Two Brothers more be Joyned to this Committee. Voted Colo Procter & James Jackson.

Voted that Brothers Jackson, Swan, Revere, Barrat, Lowell, Hoskins be a Committee, to write the different Lodges, under this Jurisdiction, after Receipt of a Letter Sent to the Grand Lodge of

Pensilva. Voted, the Worshipfull Grand Master, be Added to this Committee. Lodge closed.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Free Mason Hall, Friday Evening, December 1st 5780. Last Quarter.

Present.

Most Worshipfull Joseph Webb Esqr G. Mr
Paul Revere Esqr S. G. Wd
James Jackson J Gd Wd
John Lowell Gd Treasr
Benja Coolidge Dty G. Sy
Thomas Urann S G D
John Symmes J G D
Perez Morton Esqr S. W. Massa
Jams Swan Esqr Proxy
George Stillman Esqr Mr Warren Lodge.
Francis Shaw Junr S. W. do
Nathl Fellows of St Andrews. S. W.
Steph. Bruce, Prox.
Jonas Farnsworth of Warren Lodge. J. W.
Andrew Newell of St Andrew, J. W.
James Avery Prox. Warren Lodge,
Thomas Love J. W. Massa Lodge.
Wm Burbeck Esqr Past Gd Warden.

St Andrew's Lodge	£9 ,,	Unity	27 ,,
Tyrian	9 ,,	Friendship not Represd	
Massachts	9 ,,	Amity } do	
St Peters } not Represented.		Washington }	
Berkshire } not Represented.		St Patricks do	
Trinity } not Represented.			
United States } not Represented.			27 ,,
Warren	9 ,,	Brought on	36 ,,
Essex — not Represented.			
		pd the Grand Treasy	£63 ,,

Voted, Brother Stephen Bruce, be Proxy for Tyrian Lodge.

Voted, That the Committee of Seven, Chose Last Grand Lodge Meeting, to take into Consideration the Letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia be disolved. And that this Grand Lodge form themselves into a Committee, to Act upon said Business, and that The Worshipfull Grand Master be President of the same.

Voted, That every Lodge, holding under this Jurisdiction Pay Quarterly Eighteen Shillings in Specia, or the Exchange — and that all Fees (Continue to) be paid in Specia, or the Exchange as formerly paid to the Grand Lodge.

Voted That it is the Opinion of this Grand Lodge that no Brother ought, or shall be a Member of Two Lodges in any one Town.

Voted, The Grand Lodge Proceed to the Choice of Grand Officers — for the Ensuing Year.

Elected & Unanimously Chose

Worshipfull Joseph Webb Esqr	G^{d} M^{r}
Saml Barrat Esqr	D^{ty} G. M^{r}
Paul Revere Esqr	S. G. W.
James Jackson	J. G. W.
John Lowell	G^{d} Trea^{r}
Wm Hoskins	G^{d} Sec^{y}
Edwd Procter Esqr	S. G. D.
Thos Urann	J. G. D.
John Symmes, Nathl Fellows	Grand Stewards.
Perez Morton Esqr	G^{d} Marshall.
LaBa. Duplissis	G^{d} Sw^{d} Bearer.
Geo: Rouilston	G^{d} Tyler.

Voted. That the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, which are not Represented — nor have been Notified of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia — Respecting the Appointment of a Grand Master General, should be wrote to Immediately by the Grand Secretary and have their Answer.

Voted, The Feast of St John the Evangelist, Be Celebrated the 27th Instant at Mason Hall and that there be a Committee of Five to Conduct the Business of said Feast. Voted,

Brothers { Perez Morton, Esqr
Jam^{s} Jackson.
Paul Revere Esqr
John Lowell.
Jam^{s} Swan Esqr.

Voted this Grand Lodge be Adjourned to the Second Friday in January 1781, to Receive the Report of the Committee — Respecting a Grand Master General, over all the Grand Lodges, in the Thirteen United North American States.

Grand Lodge Closed.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge in Ample Form, on Wednesday December 27th 5780 at Free Mason Hall to Celebrate the Festival of the Beloved Saint John the Evangelist.

Present.

His Excellency Govenor Hancock | Joseph Webb Esqr Major Keith | Honorable General Lincoln

Reverend Mr Parker. Reverend Mr Eliot

John Lowell	David Bradley
Samuel Barrat	Bro. Doakes
Abia. Eustis	Thom^{s} Urann
Bro. Chase	John Coolidge
Wm Hoskins	Bro^{r} Fletcher
Benj^{a} Coolidge	Bro: E. Thomas

Brothers

Cheever	Bigelow	N : Fellows
Newell	Bass	Tuckerman
Procter	Russell	Duplassis
Oliver	Magnae	Juteau
Webber	Diggs	Fredin
Saxton	Bush	Saman
Farrington	Peak	Horton
Allen	Graham	Willys
Magnar	Larfitte	Groves
Swan	Vaugelade	Hall
Green	Janeau	How
A. Barret.	Devall	Lincoln
Pulcipher	Wallock	Dunkerley
Wissool	Newell	Cragin
Defrabique	Donnell	Jackson
Gordon	J. Eades	C. Fellows
Miles	Stoder	D. Malcom
Whittemore	Barker	Boit
McElroy	Colson	Brown
Dunnell	Smith	Mulligan
Audibert	Burbeck	Guiscard.

The Lodges under this Jurisdiction, Accompanied the Grand Lodge, in a Regular Procession from the Hall to Trinity Church, where Brother Keith, delivered from the Pulpit, a Charge worthy to be observed by the Brethren & Audience.

A Handsome Collection was made for the Poor — then the Brethren returned to the Hall and Enjoyd themselves upon an Elegant Dinner provided to Honor & Respect the day.

Reckning — Advertising the Feast
Printing Tickets & all other
Expences, Paid on said Day. —

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Free Mason Hall, Friday Jany 12th 1781, by Adjournment.

Present.

Most Worshipfll	Joseph Webb Esqr	Gd Mastr
	Paul Revere Esqr	Mr St Andw & S G : Wd
	Jams Jackson	J. G : Wd
	Thoms Urann	S. G. D.
	Francis Shaw junr	J. G. D. pro : T :
	Wm Hoskins	Proxy St Peters & G. Sy
	Perez Morton Esqr	Master of Massa & Gd Marshall
	Jos : Hiller	Mr of Essex Lodge.
	John Symmes	Prox. Warren Lodge & Gd Steward.
	Winthrop Gray,	Proxy for Trinity.

Stephen Bruce	Prox^{y} for Tyrian Lodge & S.W^{d} Mass^{a}
James Swan Esqr	Prox^{y} for Unity Lodge.
Wpf^{ll} R Guiscard.	Mast^{r} Friendship Lodge.
Rana Chaloca	S. W^{d} Friendship
B. St Prea	J W^{d} Friendship
Andrew Newell	J. W^{d} St Andrew's
Nath^{ll} Fellows	S. W^{d} St And^{w} & G^{d} Stew^{d}
George Stillman	Mast^{r} Warren Lodge.

A Letter was Read from St Peters Lodge, together with several Charges Alledged, against Daniel Bayley, one of their late Brethren, upon Examination, & Just Tryal, the Body found him Guilty of Mutiny, Blasphemy, Conniving at Theft and Misrepresentation of their Lodge to the Grand Lodge, for which Crimes, as Masons the Body Finally Exclude him for EVER. The Grand Lodge Unia^{s} Approve the Proceedings and Sentence.

Brother Bruce Presented a List of the Officers Chose for Tyrian Lodge & the Names of the Members, also his Appointment as their Proxy at this Grand Lodge.

Brother Hoskins laid before the Grand Lodge his Appointment from St Peters Lodge, as their Proxy.

The Proxys for Warren and Essex Lodges, Made Return by lists of the Officers & Members for Present Year.

Voted that all the Lodges, Under this Jurisdiction that have Neglected a Representation, be wrote to; and Inform'd, that it is the determination of this Grand Lodge if they Continue such Neglect, a Forfiture of their Charters will be the Consiquence.

A Letter of Complaint was Read, signed by a Number of Officers and Members of Friendship Lodge Enumerating Charges against their last Master Brother Duplassius.

Voted Brother Duplassius be Notified of this Complaint and that he and the Complainants Appear at the first Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge that the Partys may be heard and Bro^{r} Duplassis Justify his Conduct therein.

Read a Petition from H: Holdridge, And$_{w}$ Fitch & others, dated Colchester, State of Connecticutt Novem^{r} 1780. Requesting a Dispensation to hold a Lodge in said Town — also Recommending H^{y} Champion Esqr their Master.

Voted they be furnished with a Dispensation by the Grand Secretary, and that the same Continue in force untill a Grand Master shall be Appointed for that State.

Read a Letter from Trinity Lodge Dated Sepr 19th 1780, Objecting to the Propriety & Necessity of a Grand Master General at this Time.

Brother Morton, Moved that we now determine, and fix upon, a time, for the Choice of a Grand Master General. After Candidly debating the Matter, the following Reasons were Offerd.

As this Grand Lodge have not been Acquainted with the Opinion of the Various Grand Lodges in the United States, Respecting

the Choice of a Grand Master General, and the Circumstances of Our Public Affairs Makeing it Impossible we should at Present, obtain there Sentiments upon it, Therefore

Voted, that any determination upon the Subject cannot with the Propriety and Justice due to the CRAFT at large be made by This Grand Lodge untill a GENERAL PEACE, shall happily take place thro' the CONTINENT.

Grand Lodge Closed to the first Friday In March.

At a Meeting of The Grand Lodge at Free Mason Hall, Friday Evening 2d March 1781, first Quarter.

Present.—

Most Worshipfull	Joseph Webb Esqr	Gd Mastr	
	Paul Revere Esqr	Sr Gd Wd	
	Thoms Urann	Jr Gd Wd	
	John Symmes	Sr Gd D	
	John Lowell	Gd Treasr	
	Willm Hoskins	Gd Secy	
	Bror Discard	Jr Gd D	
	Bror Duplessis	Gd Swd Bear.	
	Winthrop Gray	Proxy Trinity Lodge.	
	Colo Brooks	Master of Washington Lodge.	
	Bror St Prea	S. Wd Friendship Lodge.	
St Andrew	not Represd	Friendship	
Tyrian		Amity	
Massachts		Washington	
Berkshire		St Peter's	36 ,, —
Trinity £9 & 67.10/	76 ,, 10	St Patrick	
United States		Unity	
Warren		Wooster	
Essex			
	76 ,, 10		36 ,, —
			76 ,, 10
			112 ,, 10
Paid the Tyler for 3 Summoning & Attendce 225. dollrs			67 . 10
		pd Treasurer.	45 ,, —

Brother Colo John Brooks, laid before the Grand Lodge a List of the Officers and Members of Washington Lodge for this Year.

Voted the Secy in future, Summons the Wardens of the Several Lodges (in this Town) under this Jurisdiction, on all Quarterly Communications, — Adjournments, and Special Grand Lodges.

Grand Lodge was then Closed to the first Friday in June Next.

At a Grand Lodge, held at Free Mason Hall May 8th 1781, on Special Occasion.

Present.

Most Worshipfull Joseph Webb Esqr	G^{d} Master.
Paul Revere Esqr	S. G^{d} W^{d}
Edward Procter Esqr	J G^{d} W^{d}
Thom^{s} Urann	S G^{d} D.
John Symmes	J G^{d} D.
Nath^{ll} Fellows	G^{d} Stew^{ds}
And^{w} Newell	
Perez Morton Esqr	G Sec^{y} Pro : T :
Bro^{rs} D'Guiscard	of the Friendship Lodge.
Jameau	
Truene	
D St Prea	
D'Amour	

A Petition Signed by a Number of the Members, of Friendship Lodge for Vacation of the old Charter & praying New one, was preferrd and Read, and Thereupon

Voted, That a Committee be Chose to wait upon Mr Duplessis, Immediately to Acquaint him with the Contents of the Petition, and to know his Reasons, why the Prayer of it should not be Granted and Report forthwith. Brothers — Morton, Symmes & Fellows were Chosen, Who made verbal report from Mr Duplessis denying the facts containd in the Petition and prayed that the Prayer thereof might not be Granted, — and after a full debate thereon it was

Voted, that the Charter of the Friendship Lodge be vacated and made null and VOID.

Voted, that the Petitioners be granted a NEW CHARTER, under the Name of the Perfect Union Lodge and be Indulged with the Rank that the Friendship Lodge before held, then the Grand Lodge Clos'd.

At a Grand Lodge, held at Free Mason Hall Tuesday Evening May 22^{d} on Emergency.

Present.

The Most Worshipfull Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M^{r}
Samuel Barratt Esqr	D G M^{r}
Paul Revere Esqr	S G W^{d}
Thomas Urann	J G W^{d} —
John Lowell	G T^{r}
James Carter	G. Sec : Pro :
John Symmes	S G D
Jon^{a} Eades	J G D.
And^{w} Newell	G^{d} Stew^{ds}
Nathl Fellows	
Ashbel Baldwin Esqr	
Winth : Gray	Prox^{y} Trin. Lodge.

Broth^{r} D'Guiscard	Mast^{r} Friends : Lodge
M. D. St Prey	S. W^{d} of F : L :
Presin Janeau	J W^{d} of F : L :

Brother Baldwin Presented a Petition to this Grand Lodge, Signed by himself & others (from Litchfield in the State of Connecticutt) Requesting a Grant of a Constitution, under this Jurisdiction.

The Same was taken into Consideration, and In as much as no Grand Lodge, nor Grand Master, Ever has, nor does at Present Exist in Said State ; The Grand Lodge, are of Unia^{s} Opinion, there is a propriety both in the Suplicants, and In them, In Granting the prayer, Therefore Voted the Sec^{y} be directed to furnish the Suppliants with a Charter of Erection — By the Name of St Paul· The Expenses of this Evening, defrayd by Brother Baldwin.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Free Mason Hall, friday Evening June 1st 1781.

Present.

Most Worshipfull	Joseph Webb Esqr	Grand Master.
	Samuel Barratt Esqr	D^{ty} Gd M^{r}
	Paul Revere Esqr	S. Gd. Wd
	Thomas Urann	J Gd Wd
	John Lowell	Gd Treas^{r}
	Benj^{a} Coolidge	Gd Sec : P. Tem^{r}
	William M Keen	S. Gd. D. } P : Tem^{r}
	Jon^{a} Eades	J Gd D } P : Tem^{r}
	Nathl Fellows	Gd Stew^{d}
	John Symes	Warren Lodge.
	Francis Shaw	Warren Lodge.
	De Guiscard	of Lodge Perf. Union.
	Truenne	of Lodge Perf. Union.
	Stephen Bruce	Prox : for Tyrian Lodge.
	Winthrop Gray	Prox. Trinity Lodge.

St Andrew, Tyrian, Massachusetts, Berkshire, Trinity, United States, Warren, Essex, Friendship, Amity, Washington, St Peters, St Patrick, Unity, Wooster, St Paul.

Voted, The Gd Sec^{y} draw out the Accounts, for deficient Quartridges of Lodges under this Jurisdiction and deposite the same in the hands of the Gd Treasurer.

Voted, That there be a Committee Appointed To EXAMINE the Grand Lodge books, and write to the deficient Lodges in very Plain Terms.

A Committee of Three, Appointed for that Purpose, Viz^{t}
Paul Revere, John Lowell, Perez Morton.

Voted That the Lodge, United States, be wrote to by the Worshipfull Grand Master Respecting a Complaint Presented against them, of making Masons rejected by other Lodges. And that they

be suspended Making any Mason, Untill they have Justified [their] conduct and Cleard up the Charge Alledged against them.

Trinity and St Patrick } Lodges Made Returns of Officers & Members for the Present Year.

The Grand Lodge Closed to Friday Evengs Septemr 7th Next.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, at Free Mason Hall, Friday Evening September the Seventh — Third Quarterly Grand Communication — 5781.

Present.

Most Worshipfull	Samuel Barratt Esqr	Grand Master
	Paul Revere Esqr	Sr Gd Wd
	Thomas Urann	Jr Gd Wd
	John Lowell	Gd Treasur
	William Hoskins	Proxy St Peters & Gd Secy.
	John Symmes	Sr Gd D.
	Nathaniel Fellows	Jr Gd D. —
	Perez Morton Esqr	Gd Marshall,
	Stephen Bruce	Proxy Tyrian & S. Wd Massa
	Winthrop Gray	Proxy Lancastar.
	Wm Greenough	Mr St Peters.
Brothers	Jeateau of the Perfect Union, Master.	
	De Luce	Sr Wd
	Mulligan	Jr Wd
	Josa Eaton of Tyrian,	Jr Wd
	Thoms Love ———	Sr Wd
	Edmund Hurd of Trinity Master.	
	James Avery	Proxy Warren Lodge.

St Andrew	1 ,, 16	Amity	
Massachusetts		Washington	
Tyrian		St Peters	1 ,, 16
Berkshire		Unity	
Trinity	1 ,, 16	Wooster	
United States		St Paul	
Warren	1 ,, 16	St Patrick	
Essex			
Perfect Union			1 ,, 16 ,,
			5 ,, 8 ,,
	5 ,, 8		7 ,, 4 ,,
Paid the Grand Tiler			,, 6 ,,
in hands of Gd Treasr ——			£6 ,, 18 ,,

Brother Hurd Presented the Grand Lodge with several dozen of

printed Orations pronounced and delivered by Our Reverend Brother Dunbar at Lancaster June the 25th 5781 — upon the Festival of St John the Baptist, In behalf — and in the Name of Trinity Lodge.

Voted the Unanimous Thanks of this Grand Lodge be made to the Master Wardens, Members and Visitors of Trinity Lodge, for their kind Present & Brother Hurd is Requested to deliver that Lodge a Copy of this Vote — of there Thanks.

Returns { Perfect Union, Wooster and, Warren } Lodges made Returns of the Choice of Officers to Serve in their Lodges the Ensuing Year — also a list of Members.

Warren Lodge Informs this Grand Lodge that they have Appointed Brothers Avery & Carter there Proxys

A Complaint was made in writing, from the Perfect Union Lodge, Signed by our Right Worshipfull Brother Jeatau Master of that Lodge and five Members (also Signed) — The Substance is — that Brother Defrance a Member of that Lodge had by a Small misconduct once or twice Violated the By-Laws — after hearing the Allegations The Grand Lodge Recommended an Oblivion & Reunion — that Brother Defrance be held in Equal Estimation Friendship & Brotherly love. Our Right Worshipfull Brother Jeatau Presents a Complaint against Brother Jareau their late Treasurer, retaing^g the Quartridges Fees &c of said Lodge, while Treasurer, and Declining to Account with them as a Lodge.

Voted a Committee of Three Officers from this Grand Lodge wait upon Brother Jareau there late Treasurer, and know what he has to offer in Vindication of The Conduct Charged against him Committee Consisting of Three — are — Brothers Stephen Bruce, Paul Revere, Joshua Eaton.

Grand Lodge Closed.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at Free Mason Hall — Thursday November 8th 1781 — 4 °Clock P. M. on Special Occasion.

Present.

Most Wpfull	Samuel Barratt Esqr	G^d M^r
	Paul Revere Esqr	Mr St And^w & S G^d W^d
	Thomas Urann	J G^d W^d
	Winthrop Gray	S. G^d D.
	John Symmes	J. G. D.
	John Lowell	G^d Treas^r
	William Hoskins	G S^y
	Perez Morton Esqr	G Mar^s.
R^t Wp	John Jeatau	M^r of Perfect Union Lodge.
	Nath. Fellows	S W^d St Andrew & G^d Stew^d
	Benj^a Coolidge	Prox^y St Patrick.
	James Avery	Prox^y Warren Lodge
	Jon^a Eades	Prox^y Amity Lodge.
	Stephen Bruce	Prox^y Tyrian Lodge.

Brother Col° John Barratt Presented a Petition Signed by himself — Amos Emmerson, Bastil [Bartlett?] Hinds, Stephen Alverd, Thomas Sterne, John House and thirteen other Brethren dated State of Vermont, Cornish 11th May 1781 — Praying this Grand Lodge would Please to Grant the Petitioners — a Charter of Erection. Brother Barratt withdrawing, The Grand Master directed the Secy to Read the Petition Whereupon the Grand Lodge Granted the Prayer on the Same Conditions, that CHARTERS have heretofore been Granted by this Grand Lodge to Petitioners from States of New Hampshire and Connecticutt.

Expences of the Evening Paid by Bror Barratt

Grand Lodge Closed to first Friday in December.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at Free Mason Hall, Friday Evening Decemr 7th 1781. Last Quarter.

Present.

Worship	Paul Revere Esqr	Gd Mr Pro Temr	
	Thomas Urann	S Wd Trin L &	S G W pro.
	Steph Bruce	Mast. Masts	J G W pro.
	John Symmes	J Wd Warren	S G D pro.
	Nathl Fellows	S. Wd St And	J G D. pro.
	John Lowell	P. Mr	Gd Trea.
	Wm Hoskins	P. Mr	G. Sy
Winth Gray	Prox Tyrian	Joshua Eaton	Prox. Trinity
John Warren	S Wd Massa	Michl Newman	J Wd Trinity
Wm Scollay	J Wd Massa	Wm Burbeck	P. Mr
Robt McElroy	J Wd St Andw		

St Andrew Lodge	,, 18 ,,	United States	
Massachts		Unity	
Tyrian		Amity	
St Peters		Washington	
Berkshire		St Patrick	
Trinity	,, 18 ,,	Wooster	
Warren	,, 18 ,,	St Paul	
Essex		Perfect Union	
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Paid the Tiler	,, 6		
Pd the Gd Trear	2 ,, 8 ,,		

Voted, that the Committee Chosen, on the Evening of the first of June Instant, to write to the Several Lodges under this Jurisdiction, be Augmented.

Voted Brother John Warren be Added.

The Committee Appointed, the last Quarterly Communication, to wait upon, and enquire of, Brother Jeareau Late Treasurer of Friendship Lodge, the Grounds of a Complaint Exhibited against him —

Report they have Attended that Service, and find the Complainants and Bro^r Jeareau after being together, does not amount to what they Represent in the Petition, and are Clearly of Opinion that the Charges aledged against him are not Supported and that whatever Record or Records the Friendship Lodge have Made on there Books to his Prejudice or discredit, Ought to be Immediately Erased.

Voted the Report be Accepted — Reserving that Part of the Complaint made by the Petitioners against Broth^r Jereau as Treasurer — that the disposition of the Cash remain^g in his hands be referrd, to the next Quarterly Communication — and that the Petitio^s be furnished with a Copy of the Report, & this Record.

Voted the Choice of Grand Officers be referrd to the Next Quarterly Communication — by Reason of our Worthy and Most Worshipfull Grand Master Joseph Webb Esqr absence at present in the Service of the United States — Voted the Feast of St John the Evangelist be Celebrated 27th Instant and that Brothers Stephen Bruce, Nath. Fellows, Tho: Urann, Winth Gray, John Lowell, be a Committee to Treat with Brother Wort for a dinner.

Grand Lodge Closed.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Free Mason Hall Friday Evening Decem^r 21st 1781 on Special Occasion.

Present.

Worship.	Paul Revere	G. Mr Pro.
	Steph Bruce	S. G W.
R^t Wp	John Jeateau	J G W.
	Thomas Urann . . .	S G D
	Nathl Fellows. . . .	J G D.
	John Lowell	G^d Trea^s
	Wm Hoskins	G^d S^y
	John Warren of Mass^a	S. W.
	William Scollay do	J. W.
	Bro^r Mulligan of P. Union	J. W.
	John Symmes	Prox^y Warren Lodge.
	Nath. Thwing	Prox^y St Patrick
	Jon^a Eades	Prox^y Amity.
	Robert McElroy of St And^w	J W^d
	Benjamin Coolidge. —	

The Committee Appointed by this Grand Lodge the 7th Instant; — having Waited upon Brother Wort and Received from him his Proposal for the Feast which are as follows — Viz^t

a Dinner Six Shillings for Each Brother	(in Specie)
Each bottle . . . of Medaira ——	Six Shillings
Each double bowl of Punch ——	Six Shillings
Port Wine, Sherry, Tenneriff } p^r bottle	Four Shillings.—

Voted this Grand Lodge reconsider their Vote of the 7th Instant for Celebrating the Feast of St John Evangelist — On the Principle that the above Prices are beyond the ability of many Brethren, to Support, without Apparent Injury to their Families.

Brother Nathl Thwing Presented to the Grand Lodge a Vote Passed June 5th 5781, In St Patricks Lodge Appointing him Proxy for the Same, and that He have Power to Appoint two Assistants — also Presented a list of Officers Chosen for the Ensuing Six Months. Whereupon he took his Seat.

Worshipfull Brother Jean Jutau Presented a List of the Choice of Officers, also the Members of Perfect Union Lodge for 5782.

Grand Lodge Closed to Friday 1st March Next.

At a Meeting of The Grand Lodge at Mason Hall Friday Evening 1st March 5782. 1st Quarter.

Present.

Most Wpfll	Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.
	Paul Revere Esqr	S G W.
	Thomas Crann	J G W
	John Lowell	G Treasr
	Benja Coolidge	D G Secy
	John Symmes	S G D.
	Nat Fellows	J G D.
	Wm Burbeck	past G W.
	Winthrop Gray	proxy. Trinity.
	John Jutau	Mr of Perfect Union
	De Luce	S W. Do
	Francis Mulliken	J. W. Do
	John Warren	S. W. Massachusetts
	Wm Scollay	J W. Do
	Colo Enoch Putnam	P. M. United States
	Jona Edes	proxy for Amity
	James Carter.	G. C.
	T Avery	proxy Warren Lodge.

St Andrews	18/	Amity	
Massachusetts		Washington	
Tyrian		St Patricks	
St Peters		Wooster	
Trinity	18/	St Paul	
Warren	18/	Perfect Union	36/
Essex		Berkshire	
United States	7 ,, 4/		
Unity			

Collected	11 ,, 14
p'd Gd Toiler	,, 6
paid Grand Treasurer	£11 ,, 8 ,,

Voted That there be a Committee of Five to enquire into the Form of Making Masons in the Perfect Union Lodge.

Committee were B^rs Lowell, Warren, Scollay, Avery & Hiller.

A petition from the Master, Wardens & Members of St Andrews Lodge being presented to the Grand Lodge — praying that the Grand Lodge would grant them a Charter by the Aforesaid Name, they retaining their rank of Preceedency as heretofore, in s^d G^d Lodge.

The Grand Lodge taking the same into their Serious & deliberate Consideration — for reasons set forth in S^d Petition — Unanimously Resolv'd that the prayer of S^d Petitioners be Granted.

Voted, The Grand Lodge proceed to the Choice of Grand Officers. Unanimously Chose,

Most Wpfll	Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.
	Paul Revere Esqr	S. G. W
	Edward Proctor Esqr	J G W
	James Jackson	S G D
	Thomas Urann	J G D
	John Lowell	G Treasurer,
	Benjamn Coolidge	G. Secret^y
	Nathan Fellows John Symmes	G. Stewards
	Perez Morton Esqr	G Marshall
	Winthrop Gray	G Sword Bearer
	John Cade	G Toiler. —

Voted, That B^r Jeareau Treasurer of the Late Friendship Lodge pay what Monies he may Have Due to s^d Lodge into the Hands of the Master, Wardens & Members of the Perfect Union Lodge.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, Held at Mason Hall Friday Evening 7th June 5782.

Present.

Most Wpfll	Joseph Webb Esq.	G. M.
	Paul Revere, Esq.	S. G. W.
	Edwd Proctor Esq	J. G. W.
	John Lowell	G. Treas^r
	Benj^a Coolidge	G. Sec^y
	Nat. Fellows John Symmes	G. Stew'ds
	John Jutau	Mr Perfect Union
	Francis Mulliken	J. W. D^o
	George Stillman	Mr Warren Lodge
	Jonas Farnsworth	S. W. D^o
	James Avery	Prox D^o
	Robert McEllroy	J. W. St Andrews
	John Warren	J. W. Mass^a
	Benj^a Homans	Prox. St Patrick

Voted, The report of the Committee Respecting the Making of Masons in the Perfect Union Lodge be referrd to Next Lodge.

Voted, The Former Committee Appointed to Settle B^{r} Jereau's Acco'ts, Treasurer of the late Friendship Lodge, Meet with a Committee from the Perfect Union to settle the Same.

Voted, That the Lodges in this Town Under this Jurisdiction Celebrate the Feast of St John Evang^{t} on 24th Inst^{t}.

Voted, There be a Committee of three to wait on the Gentlemen Selectmen for the Use of Faneuil Hall on S'd Day the Commitmittee were B^{rs} Revere, Warren & Lowell.

Voted, That the Above Committee wait on some Suitable Person or Persons to Deliver a Sermon or Oration on the 24th Instant.

Voted, that the G^{d} Stewards w^{h} two Stewards from each Lodge be a Committee to agree w^{h} some suitable person to provide Dinner & that B^{r} James Avery be added to the Above Committee.

Voted, That the Feast be Advertiz'd, place of meet^{g} &c.

Voted, That the Treasurer write to the Lodges under this Jurisdiction which are Deficient in Quarterages.

Collected from Warren	18/
p'd Gr^{d} Toiler	6
	12/ p'd Treas^{r}

A Copy of a Letter from the Most Worsp^{ll} J. Webb & the two Grand Wardens to Moses Michael Hays together with his Answer are fil'd with the G^{d} Lodge Papers.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge Held on Special Occasion, Monday Evening 10th June 1782.

Present.

Most Wpfll Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.
Wpfll Paul Revere Esqr	S. G. W.
Wpfll Thomas Urann	J. G. W.
Wpfll John Symmes	S. G. D.
Wpfll George Stillman	J. G. D.
Wpfll John Lowell	G. Treasurer.
Benj^{a} Coolidge	G. Sec^{y}.
John Cade	G. Toiler.
Wpfll Stephen Bruce	M. Massa^{tts} Lodge.
Wpfll John Jutau	M. Perfect Union.
D^{e}Luce	S. W. Perfect D^{o}
Francis Mulliken	J. W. D^{o}
James Avery	Prox^{y} Warren Lodge.
Nat Thwing	Prox^{y}St Patrick.
Robert McEllroy	J. W. St Andrews.
William Scollay	J. W. Mass^{a}
Jonas Farnsworth	J. W. Warren
James Carter	G. Clerk
Nat Fellows	G. Steward.
Perez Morton Esqr	G. Marshall.

Wpfll Moses M. Hays by request of the Most Wpfll Master & G^{d} Wardens.

Voted, that a Committee be Appointed to Draught Resolutions explanatory of the Powers & Authority of this Grand Lodge respecting the Extent & Meaning of its Jurisdiction and of the Exercise of any other Masonic Authorities within its Jurisdiction.

Voted, That the Committee Consist of five, Viz^{t}

B^{rs} Morton, Revere, Warren, Aveny. & Juteau.

Voted, There be a Committee of Three to Assist the Stewards at the Feast. — Viz^{t} B^{rs} Urann, Proctor, & Twing.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge in Ample Form, on Monday June 24th 1782. at Faneuil Hall, to Celebrate the Festival of St John the Baptist.

Present.

Most Wpfll Joseph Webb Esqr G. M.

Paul Revere Esq.		John Lowell,
George Hillman,		John Symmes,
Thomas Urann,		Saml Whitwell.
Tuckerman,	T Newell,	Adams
Powers,	F. Green,	Brown
McEllroy,	J. Waters,	Dexter
T. Green,	Melvill,	J. Cushing
Rust,	Merritt,	Colson
Frazier,	Jereau	Moores
Edes,	A Newell	Palms
Meacham,	Bruce	Howe
Hudson,	Gardner	Foster
Peak,	Gowen	Bradlee
Grant,	Newman	Goodwin
Hunt,	Bowe	Farnsworth
Rumney,	Barrett	Williams
McCever,	Cushing	W. Burbeck
Clark,	Stillman	J Hopkins
Torrey,	E. Newell	Morgan
Wallack,	Ballard	Russell
C. Hopkins,	Z. Donnell	White
Mason,	Jenkins	Doan
Nottage,	Groves	Breck.

The Gentlemen Selectmen, French Consul, Revd B^{r} Eliot, Dr Warren, Town Clerk, Wpfll B^{r} Rowe.

The Lodges Under this Jurisdiction Accompani'd the Grand Lodge, in a Regular procession from the Hall to the Chapel, where our Revd B^{r} Eliot delivered a Sermon & our B^{r} Warren a Charge worthy to be Observ'd by the Brethren present &c. Unan^{y} Voted, that B^{rs} Josiah Waters Junr Esq., Stephen Bruce, M. M. L. Col^{o} Paul Revere, S. G. W. Mr John Juteau, M. P. U. Edwd Proctor, J. G. W. Samuel Breck Esq. & Ben Coolidge be a Committee to wait on B^{rs} the Revd Mr John Eliot & Dr John Warren and Return them the Thanks of the Grand Lodge for the Elegant Sermon & Charge deliver'd by them this Day and Request a Copy of them for the Press.

Also the Above Committee to return Thanks for the Use of Faneuil Hall, Chapple, & to Mr Silsby for his performance on the Organ.

A Handsome Collection was Made for the Poor & Deliver'd to the Overseers — Then the Brethren returned to Faneuil Hall & Enjoy'd Themselves upon an Elegant Dinner.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge Friday Evening September 6th 5782.

Present.

Most Wpfll	Jos. Webb Esq.	G. M.
Wpfll	Paul Revere Esq.	S. G W.
Wpll	Thomas Urann	J G W
Wpfll	Stephen Bruce	S. G. D.
Wpfll	John Symmes	J. G D.
Wpfll	John Jutau	G. Treasr
	Benjamin Coolidge	G. Secy
	Dr Luce	S. W. Perfect U. L.
	Francis Mulliken	J. W. P. U. L.
	Robert McEllroy	J. W. St Andw
	James Avery	Proxy Warren
	Jonathan Edes	Proxy Unity.
	John Warren	S. W. Massa
	Wm Scollay	J. W. Massa
Wpfll	Edmund Hurd	M. Trinity.

Voted, The Petition from Br John Copp & Others to this Grand Lodge for Holding a Lodge in the State of New York be Granted. —

Collected from Trinity	1 ,, 16 ,, —
from Perfect Union	1 ,, 16 ,, —
	£3 ,, 12 ,, —

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge Monday 30th September 1782 to receive the report of their Committee Chose in June last.

Present.

Most Wpfll	Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.
	William Burbeck	D. G. M.
	Samuel Barrett	P. D. G. M.
	Paul Revere	S. G. W.
	Thomas Urann	J. G. W.
	John Jutau	S. G. D.
	John Symmes	J. G. W.
	John Lowell	G. Treas
	Benjamin Coolidge	G. Secy
	John Warren	S. W. Massa
	James Avery	
	Dr Luce	S. W. P. Union.
	Perez Morton	G. Marshall.

The Report being Read, it was Voted it should be referrd to Next Lodge Evening.

Voted, That the Committee Chose in June last revise the Book of Constitution which is to be printed by B^r N. Willis.

Massachusetts Grand Lodge in Ample Form at Masons Hall Fryday December 6th 1782.

Present.

Most Worsp^ll Joseph Webb Esqr	Grand Master.
Wpfll Paul Revere Esqr	S. G. W.
Thomas Urann	J. G. W. P. T.
Perez Morton	S. G. D. & P. Mast Mass^a
John Symmes	J. G. D. P. T.
John Lowell	G^d Treas^r
Wm Hoskins	G. Sec^y P. Tem.
John Jutau	M. P. Union Lodge.
Francis Mulliken	J. W. D^o
Joseph Hillyard.	M. Essex Lodge
Edward Lamb	S. W. D^o
John Warren	S. W. Mass^a Lodge.
Wm Scollay	J. W. D^o
Stephen Bruce	P. M. Mass^a & Prox^y Tyrian.
Moses M. Hays	M. Mass^a Lodge.
James Carter	S. W. Mass^a
James Avery	Proxy Warren
Jonas Farnsworth	S. W. D^o

Robert McEllroy.—

St Andrews	United States		St Patrick
Massachusetts	Warren.	36/	Washington
Tyrian	Perfect Union	18/	Wooster
St Peters	Unity		St Pauls
Berkshire	Essex	18/	Vermont
Trinity	Amity		

Collected 72/ & p'd G^d Treas^r

A Return was presented from Washington Lodge Dated, West Point 18th July 1782 of the Choice of their Officers and list of Members.

a Report of the Committee to take into Consideration the Conduct of the Brethren, who Assumed the Power and Perogative of a General Lodge on the American Establishment Referr'd Over from last Quarterly Communication was read as follows:

The Committee appointed to take into Consideration the Conduct of those brethren, who Assumed the Powers and Perogatives of a Grand Lodge on the Ancient Establishment in this Place, and Examine the Extent of their Authority & Jurisdiction, together with the Powers of any other Ancient Masonic Institution within the Same; Beg Leave to Report the Result of their Examination founded on the following facts, Viz^t:

That in Consequence of a Petition from a Number of Brethren of this Town to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a Charter was Granted them under the Name of St Andrews Lodge, by the Most Wpfll & R^t Hon'ble Sholto, Charles Douglass, Lord Aberdour, and that by Means of a Subsequent Petition of the Said St Andrews Lodge, a Comission was made out & presented from the Most Wpfll & R^t Hon'ble George, Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master of Scotland, to the Late Most Wpfll Joseph Warren Esqr constituting and Appointing him, Provincial G. M. of the Ancient & Hon'ble Society of free and Accepted Masons, with Power of granting Charters of Erection within One Hundred Miles of this Metropolis, but that during the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge in form & manner thus Appointed, three Lodges only were Constituted by the Authority thereof.

That the Commission from the Grand Lodge of Scotland granted to our Late Grand Master Joseph Warren Esqr having died with him and of Course his Deputy whose Appointment was derived from his Nomination being no longer in existance, they saw themselves, without a Head, & without a Single Grand Officer, and of Course it was evident that not Only the Grand Lodge, but all the perticular Lodges under its Jurisdiction must Cease to Assemble, the Brethren be dispersed, the Pennyless go unassisted, the Craft Languish & Ancient masonry be extinct in this Part [of the] World.

That in Consequence of a Summons from the former Grand Wardens, to the Masters & Wardens of All the Regular Constituted Lodges, a Grand Communication was held, to Consult & Advise on some Means to preserve the Intercourse of the Brethren.

That the Political Head of this Country having distroyed All connection & Correspondence between the Subjects of these States & the Country from which the Grand Lodge originally derived its Commissioned Authority, and the Principles of the Craft inculcating on its professors Submission to the Commands of the Civil Authority of the Country they Reside in, the Brethren did Assume an Elective Supremacy, & under it Chose a Grand Master & Grand Officers, and Erected a Grand Lodge with Independant Powers & Perogatives, to be exercised however, on Principles consistant with, & Subordinate to the Regulations pointed out in the Constitution of Ancient Masonry. That the Reputation & Utility of the Craft under their Jurisdiction has been most Extensively diffused by the Flourishing State of *fourteen* Lodges, Constituted by their Authority, within a Shorter Period, than that in which *three Only* received Dispensations under the former Grand Lodge.

That in the History of our Craft we find, that in England there are Two Grand Lodges independant of each other, In Scotland the Same, and in Ireland their Grand Lodge and Grand Master are Independant of either England or Scotland. 'Tis clear that the Authority of some of these Grand Lodges originated in Assumption,

or otherwise they would Acknowledge the Head from whence they Derived.

Your Committee are therefore of Opinion that the Resolutions of the said Present Grand Lodge, were dictated by Principles of the Clearest Necessity, founded in the Highest Reason and Warranted by Precedents of the Most approved Authority.*

Your committee beg leave to recommend the following Resolutions to be Adopted by this Grand Lodge, & to be ingrafted into its Constitutions.

1st Resolved, That the Brethren of the Grand Lodge in Assuming the Powers & Perogatives of an Independent Grand Lodge, Acted on the Most laudable Motives and Consistently with the Principles which ought forever to govern Masons, the Benefit of the Craft & the good of Mankind; and are warranted in their Proceedings, by the Practice of Ancient Masons in All Ages of the World.*

2d Resolved, That this Grand Lodge be forever hereafter known & Called by the Name of the MASSACHUSETTS GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT MASONS, and, that it is free and Independent in its Government & Official Authority of any other Grand Lodge, or Grand Master in the Universe.

3d Resolved, that the Sovereign Power & Authority of the said Grand Lodge, be Continued to Extend throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to Any of the United States, were none shall be erected over such Lodges only as this Grand Lodge shall there Constitute.

4th Resolved, That the Grand Master, for the time being, be desired to Call in all the Charters which were held under the Jurisdiction of the late Grand Master Joseph Warren Esqr and Return the same with an Endorsement thereon, Expressive of their Voluntary Recognition of the Power and Authority of this Grand Lodge.

5th Resolved, That no Person or Persons ought or can (Consistently with the Rules of Ancient Masonry and the Good Order of the Craft) use or Exercise the Powers or Perogatives of An Ancient Grand Master, or Grand Lodge, to wit, to give Power to Erect Lodges of Ancient Masonry, Make Masons, appoint Superior or Grand Officers, Receive dues, or do any thing which belongs to the Powers or Perogatives of An Ancient Grand Lodge within any part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Right full and Appropriated Limits to which the Authority of this Grand Lodge forever hereafter Extends.

Sign'd PEREZ MORTON
PAUL REVERE
JOHN WARREN
JAMES AVERY.

The Foregoing Report having been taken into Consideration, was

* See Calcut page 107 — Mason's Pocket Companion 92. London Edition.

read Paragraph by Paragraph and After Mature Deliberation thereon the same was Accepted and Ordered to be recorded in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Sign'd Jos WEBB Grand M.

Br Jutau presented his Dissent to the foregoing Report & Resolves.

Voted, That the foregoing Report & Resolves be printed and a Copy inclosed to each of the Lodges under this Jurisdiction in order that it may be kept in, & Considered as part of the Book of Constitutions & that Brothers Avery, Warren & Morton be a Committee for that Purpose.

The Worshipfull Master of Massachusetts Lodge presented a List of the Choice of Officers for the Year Ensuing.

Br Hillyer (Mr of Essex Lodge) presented Sundry Resolves for Regulations of Essex Lodge — the Same, Read & Approved.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the Choice of Grand Officers for the Year Insuing.

The Grand Master propos'd Bror John Warren for his Successor upon which the Grand Lodge proceeded by Ballot to the Choice whereupon he was Unany Elected.

Wpfll	Paul Revere Esq.	S. G. W. Unany
Brothers	James Carter	J. G. W.
	Thomas Urann	S. G. D
	John Symmes	J. G. D.
	John Lowell	G. Treasr
	Benja Coolidge	G. Secy
	James Avery Benja Homans	G. Stewards
Wpfll	John Juteau	Gd Sword Bearer — excus'd.
	John Cade	G. Toiler.

Special Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge in Ample Form at Masons Hall Tuesday 24th Decr 1782.

Present.

Most Wpfll	Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.
Wpfll	John Warren Esqr	G. M. Elect.
	Paul Revere Esqr	S G W
	Thomas Urann	J. G. W. P. Tem.
	Saml Barrett Esqr	P. D. G. M.
	John Symmes	S. G. D. } P. Tem.
	Jona Edes	J. G. D } P. Tem.
	Benja Coolidge	Gd Secy
	John Jutau	M. P. Union Lodge.
	Francis Mulliken	J. W. Do
	Jonas Farnsworth	S. W. Warren L.
	Benja Homans	Gd Stewd
	Wm Scollay	S. W. Massa Lodge.

Wm Hoskins	Prox^{y} St Patrick.
James Avery	G. Steward
Perez Morton Esqr	G. Marshall.

The Grand Master presented a Report of B^{r} Greenough's Constituting Unity, Essex & Amity Lodges.

the Grand Master Also presented a Return of the Master & Wardens of Vermont Lodge and a Copy of his Letter to them respecting their holding the Lodge out of their Limits which was read, Also a Letter from St Andrews Lodge.

Mov'd Seconded & Voted That there be a Committee of Five to Confer with St Andrews Lodge at their Next Meeting upon the Subject of their Letter on Refusing to Acknowledge the Independency of this Grand Lodge, — the Committee were Brothers Morton, Hays, Wm Scollay, James Avery & S. Bruce.

Voted That the time for the Installation of the Grand Master Elect be left to the Present Grand Master.

Special Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge at Free Mason's Hall Friday Evening 3^{d} Jany 1783.

Present.

Most Wpfll	Joseph Webb Esqr	Grand Master
Wpfll	John Warren Esqr	G^{d} Master Elect.
Wpfll	Paul Revere	S. G. W.
	Thomas Urann	J. G. W.
	John Symmes	S. G. D.
	James Avery	J. G. D.
	William Hoskins	G. S. pro. Tem.
	Moses M. Hays	Mr Mass^{a} Lodge.
	Wm Whipple	J. W. D^{o}
	Benj^{a} Homans	G^{d} Stew^{d}
	Benj^{a} Coolidge	G Sec^{y}

A petition from Charles Whitney & Others of Darby in the State of Connecticut for a Charter.

The Grand Lodge grant[ed] them a Charter of Dispensation to Hold a Lodge, Make Masons &c, Untill a Grand Master be Erected in that State. [King Hiram Lodge.]

Voted a Committee of Seven be Appointed to write to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Informing them the Reasons why the Grand Lodge in Commonwealth [of] Massachusetts Assumed to Themselves that Dignity. the committee were Brothers Warren, Hays, Barrett, Morton, Bruce, Jutau, & Whipple. the Same Committee Also to write the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia Informing them of the Assumption of this Grand Lodge.

Mov'd Seconded & Voted unan^{y} That the Most Worshipfull Grand Master be requested to Call a Meeting of the Grand Lodge As soon as may be for the Installation of the Grand Master Elect.

Massachusetts Grand Lodge in Ample Form Friday Evening 7th. March 1783. at Green Dragon.

Present.

Most Wpfll Joseph Webb Esqr.	G. M.
Wpfll John Warren Esqr.	G. M. Elect.
Wpfll Paul Revere Esqr.	S. G. W.
Wpfll Edward Proctor Esqr.	J. G. W.
Wpfll John Lowell	Gd Treasurer.
Wpfll John Jutau	M Perfect Union
Benja Coolidge	Gd Secy
Thomas Urann	S. G. D.
John Symmes	J. G. D.
James Avery	S. G. Steward
Jonathan Edes	Proxy Amity
Jonas Farnsworth	S. W. Warren Lodge.
Alexander Thomas	J. W. of St Paul's.
William Scollay	S. W. Massa

Lodges.

N 1	St. Andrew's not Represented.		10	Unity not Represented.	
			11	Essex	do
2	Tyrian	Ditto	12	Amity	
3	Massachusetts	Ditto	13	Washington not Represented	
4	St Peters	Ditto			
5	Berkshire	do	14	St Patrick's	do
6	Trinity	do	15	Wooster	do
7	United States	do	16	St Pauls	do
8	Warren	do	17	Vermont	do
9	Perfect Union	do	18	King Hiram	do

Massachusetts Grand Lodge in Ample Form at Free Masons Hall Fryday Evening 6. June 1783.

Present.

Most Wpfll Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.
Wpfll Paul Revere Esqr	S. G. W.
Thomas Urann	J. G. W.
John Symmes	S. G. D.
William Hoskins	J. G. D
John Lowell	Gd Treasr
Benja Coolidge	G. Secy
John Jutau	M. P. Union
James Nebon	S. W. Do
Joseph Hillher	Mr Essex.
Jona Edes	M. by Proxy. Amity.
Joseph Whipple	J. W. Massa
M. M. Hays	M. Massa
Abraham Hunt	M by Proxy for King Hiram's
David Bradlee	S. W. Do

N 1	St. Andrews	36/	10	Unity	not
2	Tyrian not Represented.		11	Essex	p'd 36/
3	Massachusetts		12	Amity	
4	St Peters	not repd	13	Washington	not
5	Berkshire	Do	14	St. Patricks	not
6	Trinity	Do	15	Worcester	not
7	United States	Do	16	St Pauls	not
8	Warren	Do	17	Vermont	not
9	Perfect Union	p'd 18/	18	King Hiram represented.	

Voted, There be a Committee of five to make report at the Next Meeting what Endorsement shall be made on the Warrants which have been Granted from this Grand Lodge — ye Committee were Brs Hays, Lowell, Hoskins, Revere & Jutau. Voted, That this Grand Lodge Celebrate the Feast of St John ye Baptist the 24th Instant and that the Most Wpfll John Warren Esqr Grand Master Elect be then Install'd.

Voted, There be a Procession, Oration, & Charge on the Same Day — and that a Committee of five wait on two suitable Brothers to Deliver the Same — ye Committee were Brs Whipple, Scollay, Revere, Jutau, & Hillher.

Voted, That the Secy write to the Lodges within the Vicinity to Attend the Procession & Festival.

A Committee was Chose to agree with a Suitable Person to Provide Dinners &c. Committee were Brs Lowell, Revere, Proctor, Jutau, Hoskins, Nebon & Hunt.

Collected by the Secy some time since	from Tyrian		10.10
	from St Pauls		5. 8
	from St Patricks		7. 4
			23. 2
Collected this Evening	from St. Andrews	1.16.	
	from Perfect Union	18.	
	from Essex	1.16.	4.10
	p'd Gd Treasr		£27.12

At a Meeting of the Committee of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge Monday Evening June 8th 1783.

That Agreeable to a Vote of the Grand Lodge the Committee have made Choice of Br Jno Eliot to deliver the Charge & Br Christopher Gore the Oration on the day of the Festival, & have made Choice of Brs Revere, Scollay, Whipple and Lowell to wait on the Above Brethren & also to request the Use of Faneuil Hall to Dine & a Suitable place to Deliver the Oration & Charge.

Voted That Brs Hoskins & Nebon provide suitable Musick at the Festival.

Tuesday 9th June 1783,

The Committee request the Most Worshipfull Joseph Webb Esqr Gd Mr to direct the Grand Marshall to see Lodges properly plac'd at the Tables.

At Massachusetts Grand Lodge in Ample Form at Concert Hall 24th June 1783 for the Installment of the Grand Master Elect.

Present

Most Worspll Joseph Webb Esqr G M

Paul Revere,	Manasseh Marston
John Connor	John Symmes,
John Dewitt,	Baruch Juder,
Thomas Urann,	John Magner,
Nathl Willis,	Micah Hammond,
Joseph Shed Jun.	Joseph Webber,

Prince,	Morris,	Mason,
Hillyer,	E. Lang,	Smith,
Merritt	Jno Furness,	Atkins,
Fletcher	N. Atkins,	Lambert,
Hare,	Jn Coolidge,	Miller
Beals,	Smith,	Cutting
Joy,	Gowen,	Townsend,
Piemont,	F. Shaw,	Templeman,
Hopkins,	Moses Benson,	Keith,
B. White,	Haine,	Boit,
Jno Lowell,	Phelps,	Park,
Jno Welsh,	Waungee	Pribble,
Whipple,	Rust,	Mahoney,
T. Dawes Junr	Welsh,	Dunkerly,
Homans,	Braddish,	T. Robb,
Jos. Hillher,	Austin,	Warters,
Carleton,	Hunt,	S. B. Cutting,
Abbot,	Fellows,	E. Proctor Junr
P. Low,	Appleton,	W. Lincoln
Childs,	Hall,	Scollay,
Bartlett	Dunnells,	J. Bradford,
Melvill,	Newman,	S. Breck,
Williams,	B Shaw,	G. Brown,
Wallack,	Edes	Warren,
Bradley,	W. Lang,	Williamson,
Parkman,	F. Crowley,	Quartermas,
Prentice,	Q. McQuiner,	Porter,
Hunter,	M. Hays,	Swift,
Mason,	Dexter	Joy,
Brown,	Hyslop,	Chace,
McKean,	S. Newman,	Tracy.

Meeting of Grand Lodge in due Form Friday Evening, September 5th 1783.

Present.

Most Wpfl	Jno Warren	G. M.
Most Wpfull	Joseph Webb	P. G. M.
	Paul Revere	S. G. W.

Thomas Urann	J. G. W.
	Treasurer.
Benj^{a} Coolidge	G^{d} Sec^{y}
Jno Jutau	S. G. D.
James Avery	J. G. D.
James Nebon	S. W. P. U. Lodge.
Doct Tryan	J. W. D^{o}
Abraham Hunt	M^{r} by Proxy King Hiram
David Bradlee	S. W. D^{o}
Nat Willis	J. W. D^{o}
Wm Hoskins	M^{r} by Proxy St Peters.
Jno Coolidge	S. W. D^{o}
Joseph Bush	S. W. Trinity
Prentice	S. W. by Proxy Trinity [Tyrian !]
Jno Boit	J. W. Warren.

B^{r} B Coolidge received as M^{r} by Proxy for Tyrian Lodge & appointed B^{r}—— Prentice as Senior Warden.

A Return from Trinity Lodge was Received by B^{r} Symmes their M^{r} by Proxy.

A Return from Wooster Lodge was receiv'd by the Most Wpfll Joseph Webb Esqr P. G. M.

B^{r} Symmes M^{r} by Proxy of Trinity Lodge Appointed B^{r} Joseph Bush as his Senior Warden.

A Letter from the Perfect Union Lodge was receiv'd & read and Ordered to be recorded.

A Petition from B^{rs} Cordis, Bartlett, Newell &c. from Charlestown praying a Charter of Erection for Holding a Lodge by the Name of King Solomon.

Voted The Prayer be Granted.

Voted That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given in writing by the Most Wpfll G^{d} Master to the Perfect Union Lodge for their Kind Letter.

Mov'd & Seconded That [there] be a Committee of Seven for the Purpose of Forming Rules & Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge, the Committee were B^{rs} Revere, Webb, Warren, Morton, Hays, Hoskins & Scollay.

The Report of the Above Committee to be received on the First Friday in October.

Collected 4. 10/ and paid B^{r} Lowell G^{d} Treasurer next Morning.

At a Meeting of Massachusetts Grand Lodge in Ample Form by Adjournment, Friday Evening October 3^{d} 5783, at Free Masons Hall.

Present.

Most Wpfll John Warren Esq.	G. M.
Wpfll Paul Revere Esq.	S. G. W.
Thomas Urann	J. G. W.
John Symmes	S G D.
Benj^{a} Homans	J. G. D.
	Treasurer.

Benj^{a} Coolidge	G. Sec^{y}
Wm Hoskins	M. by Proxy St Peters.
James Avery	M^{r} by Proxy Warren

Perez Morton William Scollay Joseph Whipple.

List of Lodges.

St Andrews not represented.	Essex not
Tyrian (B. Coolidge M^{r})	Amity D^{o}
Massachusetts represented.	Washington D^{o}
St Peters D^{o}	St Patricks represented.
Berkshire not represented	Wooster not
Trinity represented.	St Pauls not
United States not represented.	Vermont not
Warren. (B^{r} James Avery)	King Hiram not
Perfect Union not	King Solomon not
Unity D^{o}	

Return from St Patricks Lodge was received and B^{r} Benjamin Homans made Choice of by them as Master by Proxy to represent them in Grand Lodge.

Voted. That the Rules & Regulations for the Government of this Grand Lodge as reported by the Committee after being read Paragraph by Paragraph be Accepted.

Voted That the Next Quarterly Communication be Held on the First Thursday in December Next.

Voted There be One Hundred Copies of the rules & regulations of this Grand Lodge Printed and that each Member be Serv'd with a Copy, Also each Lodge Under its Jurisdiction.

Voted That a Committee of Three be Chose to see [to] the Printing of the Above rules & regulations Mention'd.

Committee were B^{rs} Revere
Morton
Warren.

At a Meeting of The Grand Lodge at Mason Hall Thursday 4th Decem^{r} 5783.

Present.

The Most Wpfull	John Warren Esqr	G^{d} M^{r}
	Paul Revere Esqr	S. G. W.
	Thomas Urann	J. G. W.
	John Symmes	S. G. D.
	Perez Morton Esqr	J. G. D.
	John Lowell	G T^{r}
	Benjamin Coolidge	G. S^{y}
Worshipfull	Joseph Webb Esqr	Past G^{d} M^{r}
Wpfull	M. M. Hays	Mr Mass^{a}
	William Scollay	S. W } of d^{o}
	Joseph Whipple	J. W } of d^{o}
Wpfull	John Jutua	Mr P. Union.

William Truan	S. W } of d°
Andrew Damarest	J. W } of d°
David Bradlee	S. W. K^g Hiram
Wm Hoskins	Prox. Mr St Peters.
John Coolidge	J. W.
James Prentice	Tyrian S. W.
Jon^a Stodder	J. W. Tyrian.
Benj^a Homans	Prox. St Patricks.
Elias Parkman Esqr	S. W. Worcester.
Norton Brailsford	J W d°

Tyrian	paid	36/	St Peters
Mass^a	p^d	36/	Trinity
Perfect Union	p^d	18/	St Patrick
Wooster	p^d	36/	King Hiram

Proxy of Worcester Lodge, Laid before The Grand Lodge a Return, of Choice of Officers & By Laws — which was Read & Committed, also the Appointment of Brothers Parkman & Brailsford, Wardens for Worcester Lodge, appointed by Brother Jos: Ruggles Master by Proxy of said Lodge.

Also Brother Jon^a Stodder's appointment as Junior Warden for Tyrian Lodge.

The Grand Lodge, then Proceeded to the Choice of Grand Officers & the following being Unia [chosen] To fill the Vacancys Viz^t

Wpfull Paul Revere Esqr	D^ty G. M^r
Perez Morton Esqr . . .	S. G. W.
John Jutau	J. G. W.
Josiah Watters	G^d Marshall
Elias Parkman Esqr . .	G^d Sw^d Bearer.

Wpfull Brother Hayes Reports a Choice of the Officers & Members of Massachusetts Lodge. —

Brother Sec^y Informd the Grand Lodge

That he had on the 5th July last Received a Letter from Bro: James Carter, J. G. W. Purporting his determination of declining his Attendance on The Grand Lodge, and he having not since Attended the Duty of Junior G. W. in this Grand Lodge, The Grand Master proceeded to declare a Choice as above mentiond.

The Grand Lodge taking into Consideration the Celebration of the Approaching Festival of St John,

Voted and Resolved. that this Grand Lodge will not have any Public Procession or Entertainment in the present Inclement Season, But do Recommend the Several Lodges under this Jurisdiction to Celebrate the Feast in Form at their own Particular Lodge Rooms.

Voted, three dozen of Approns be Immediately Provided and that the Stewards purchase the Same — for use of this Grand Lodge.

Voted a Committee, Consisting of three, Appointed for the Purpose of writing to the Lodges under this Jurisdiction and Requesting an Immediate Answer to the Late Circular Letter, on the subject of Independance of this Grand Lodge, and that this letter accompany the Constitutions lately orderd to be printed, and sent to those Lodges. Committee

Bro^rs Revere.
Morton.
Hayes.

John Warren	G. M.
Paul Revere	D. G. M.
Perez Morton	S. G. W.
Jutau	J^r G. W^d
B Coolidge	M. Tyrian Lodge.
James Prentiss	S^r W
Jon^a Stodder	J. W.
M M Hays	Mas^r Mass. Lodge,
W. Scollay	S. W.
Jos Whipple	J. W.
Wm Hoskins	M^r S^t P^r
John Symmes	M. T. L.
truen	P.·. W.·.
Mezmeb	S^t P^s
Benj^a Homans	
Parkman	S. W.
Norton Brailsford	J W. —

[This record bears the Autograph Signatures of the Brethren above named.]

Meeting of Massachusetts Grand Lodge in Ample Form at Charlestown on Special Occasion, Thursday 8th January 5784. —

Present.

Most Wpfll John Warren Esqr	G. M.
Most Wpfll Joseph Webb Esqr	P. G. M.
R Wpfll Paul Revere Esqr	D. G. M.
Wpfll John Lowell	S. G. W.
Wpfll John Symmes	J. G. W.
James Prentice	G^d Trea^s
Benj^a Coolidge	G^d Se^y
John Welsh Junr	G^d Ck.
Thomas Welsh	S. G. D.
H. Dexter	J. G. D.
Josiah Waters	G^d M^ll
Benj^a Homans	S. G^d S & Mast by Prox St. Pat.
Joseph Gowen	J. G. Stew^d
John Cades	G. Toiler.
Revd John Elliot	

Jonathan Edes,	David Bradlee
John Braizier,	John Coolidge
John Rand,	John Edmands,
Thom^{s} Frothingham	Isaac Mallet,
Manassah Marston	Edwd Goodwin,
Clark Minot,	Jno Austin
John Morse,	Saml Moores
And^{w} Newell	Thomas Porter.

Members of the New Constituted Lodge.

Josiah Bartlett	M^{r}
Eliphalet Newell	S W.
Benj^{a} Frothingham	J. W.
Joseph Cordis	Trea^{s}
Caleb Swan	Sec^{y}
David Goodwin	S. D.
Wm Kellder	J. D.
Jno Edmunds	Toiler.

A Number of Brethren having requested through the D. G. Master that they might be Constituted a regular Lodge under the Name of King Solomon's Lodge & wish Brother Josiah Bartlet to be Install'd their Master.

The Most Wpfll G. M. having asked the Brethren present whether it was their desire to have B^{r} Bartlett become their Master, Answered in the Affirmative when our Most Wpfll Constituted the Lodge by the Name Aforesaid in due form & install'd B^{r} Josiah Bartlett their Master with the Usual Solemnity.

The G. M. then directed B^{r} Bartlett to appoint his Wardens & Other Officers which was Accordingly done.

At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand [Lodge] On Special Occasion Fryday January 30. 1784.

Present.

Most Wpfull John Warren Esqr	G^{d} Mast^{r}
Wpfull Paul Revere Esqr	D G M^{r}
John Jutau —	S. G. W — M. P. U.
Nathl Fellows	J. G. W.
Benj^{a} Homans	S G D
Norton Brailsford	J G D
William Hoskins	G T^{r} Pro Tem.
Benjamin Coolidge	G S^{y}
Bro^{r} Truan —	Mr P. Un.
St Medard	S W } d^{o}
L. Mercier	J W }
Elias Parkman	S W^{d} Wor. Lodge
St Andrew,	Massachusetts,
Trinity,	Perfect Union
United States,	Unity
St Peters,	St Patrick,
Essex,	Wooster,
Amity. —	

A petition was laid before the Grand Lodge from a Number of Brethren from the County of Hampshire Praying a Charter of Erection for Holding a Lodge, by the Name of Hampshire Lodge.

Voted the Prayer of the Petitioners be Granted.

On a Motion Made that the Petitioners, who have leave as above to be Constituted into a New Lodge, have a Charterd Authority for Assembling for Conveniency in Eigther of Two Certain Towns within the County Aforesaid. Voted in the Negative.

Voted that the Place of Assembling Said Lodge Be at the Option of the Petitioners, and that whenever they shall Signify their Preference, the Name of said Town, shall be Inserted in their Charter to be granted them.

A Return of Perfect Union was received.

At a Meeting of The Massachusetts Grand Lodge at Masons Arms in Ample Form, Thursday March 4th 1784.

Present.

Most Wpfll	John Warren Esqr	G. M.
Rt Wpfll	Paul Revere Esqr	D. G. M.
Wpfll	John Jutau	S. G. W.
Wpfll	M. M. Hays	J. G. W.
Wpfll	John Lowell	Gd Treasr
	Benja Coolidge	G. Secy
Wpfll	Wm Hoskins Esqr	Mr St Peters
Wpfll	Nat Fellowes	Mr St Andrews.
	John Boit	J W & J.G. D.
	Jona Stodder	S.W. St Andw Lodge.
Wpfll	Br Truan	Mr Perfect Union.
	St Medard	J W Do
	Norton Brailsford	
	Nat Atkins	Secy Essex Lodge.
	Elias Parkman	Gd Swordbearer.
	William Scollay	S. W. Massa Lodge

St Andrews, represented,	Essex by their Secy
Tyrian Do	Amity not
Massachusetts paid 18/	Washington not.
St Peters represented,	St Patricks not.
Berkshire not,	Wooster p'd by Br Parkman 18/
Trinity not,	
United States not,	St Pauls not
Warren by Br Boit.	Vermont not.
Perfect Union p'd 18/	King Hiram not.
Unity not,	King Solomon not.

A Return from Essex Lodge was received.

The Most Wpfll Grand Master Communicated a Letter which he received from Br Alexr Thomas Signd by him as Secretary of St Andrews Lodge Holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland,

Mentioning to take Notice that All Connection and Debates, between this Grand Lodge, and the Lodge of St Andrew are at an End.

Return from St Andrews Lodge Holding under this Grand Lodge was received, Accepted and Approv'd off.

The Worshipfull Master of Perfect Union Lodge requested Leave of the Grand Lodge to Attend the Funeral of Brother Arnold — Granted.

Grand Lodge Adjourn'd next Monday Week.

At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge in Ample Form Friday 5th March 1784. Special Occasion.

Present.

Most Wpfull John Warren Esqr	G. M
Paul Revere Esqr	D. G. M.
Perez Morton Esqr	S. G. W.
John Jutau	J G. W.
John Lowell	G. Treas^{r}
Benj^{a} Coolidge	G. Sec^{y}
Benj^{a} Homans	
Wm Tryann	
Wm Hoskins.	

A petition from Daniel Jones, Asa Dunbarr, Amos Ralston, Samuel Smith, Prentice Willard, Luther Emes &c was laid before the G^{d} Lodge from Keen in the County [of] Cheshire & State of New Hampshire praying a Charter of Erection for Holding a Lodge by the Name of Rising Sun Lodge.

Voted, The Prayer of the Petitioners be Granted.

Expences of the Meeting was paid by B^{r} Dunbarr, the G^{d} Treasurer receiv'd 2 Guineas & the G^{d} Toiler 9/.

At a Special Meeting of Massachusetts Grand Lodge at Masons Hall Monday Evening 15th March 1784 in Ample Form.

Present.

Most Wpfll John Warren Esqr	G. M.
R't Wpfll Paul Revere Esqr	D. G. M.
R Wpfll M. M. Hays	Mr Mass^{a}
Wpfll Perez Morton	S. G. W.
Wpfll John Jutau	J. G. W.
Benj^{a} Coolidge	G. Sec^{y}
John Welsh	G Clerk
John Boit	S. G. D.
Joseph Whipple	J. G. D.
Josiah Waters	G^{d} Marshall.
Elias Parkman	G^{d} S. Bearer.
Wm Hoskins	D G Sec^{y}
Wm Truan	M. P. Union Lodge.
Josiah Bartlett	Mr King Solomon's.

Benj^{a} Homans	G. Stew^{d}
Norton Brailsford	
Nat Willis	
Pet. Le Mercier	S. W. P. Union
Eliphalet Newhall	S. W King So^{n}
Benj^{a} Frothingham	J W. King Sol^{o}
James Prentice	
Jon^{a} Stodder,	
Petrie St Medar	J W Perfe^{t} Un. Lodge.
John Coolidge,	
Wm Scollay,	
John Cades	G^{d} Toiler.

King Solomon's — 18/ Pd the G^{d} Treas^{r}

The Lodges being Call'd, the Seats of Senr & Junior Grand Deacons, were found Vacant that had been fill'd by B^{rs} Urann & Symmes whom the Grand Lodge were Informed, had withdrawn themselves by Adhering to the Brethren that Declare themselves Holding under the Constitution of Scotland as Appears by their Letter to this Grand Lodge — the Lodge Proceeded to the Choice of Grand Deacons & Grand Stewards by the Grand Masters Appointment.

He Nominated B^{rs}	Nat Fellows	S. G. D.
	Benj^{a} Homans	J. G. D.
	John Boit	S. G Stew'd
	Joseph Whipple	J. G. Stew^{d}

they were Accordingly invested with their Jewells.

At a Special Meeting [of] Massachusetts Grand Lodge at Mason's Hall Wednesday Evening 31 Mar. 5784, in Ample Form.

Present.

M^{o} Worshipfull	John Warren Esqr	G. M.
W.	Paul Revere	D. G. [M]
W.	Perez Morton	S. G. W
W.	John Jutau	J. G. W.
W.	Nathan^{l} Fellows	S. G. D.
	Benj^{a} Homans	J. G. D.
W.	John Lowell	G. T^{r}
	Benj^{a} Cooledge	G. Sec^{y}
	John Welsh Junr	G. C.
	John Boit	S. G. S.
	Josiah Waters Junr	G. Mars^{h}
W. Bro^{r}	Truen	M. P. U. L^{o}
	Elias Parkman	G. Sw^{o} B^{r}
	Norton Brailsford,	J. W. W^{o} L^{o}
	William Scollay	S. W. M^{a} L^{o}
	Wm Hoskins	Mr St Peters,
	Nathan^{l} Willis	

St Andrews	represented.	Amity	not.
Tyrian	Do	Washington	Do
Massachusetts	Do	St Patricks	representd
St Peters	Do	Worcester	not.
Berkshire	not.	St Pauls	Do
Trinity	Do	Vermont	Do
United States	Do	King Hiram	Do
Warren	representd	King Solomon	Do
Perft Union	Do	Berkshire	Do
Unity	not	Rising Sun	Do
Essex	Do		

Voted, a Letter be Sent to the different Lodges under this Jurisdiction that have not yet Answerd the Circulating Letters sent them, desiring their Peremptory Answer.

Voted, The Person who Carries the Above Mentiond Letter shall take such Papers with him as are Necessary for the Buissiness.

Voted, One Brother be Appointed for the Eastern Department & Br Whipple was made Choice of.

Voted, That Br Fellows be requested to Attend the Same Buissiness westward.

Voted, the Grand Secy Apply to the Past G. Master for a Copy of his Commission.

Voted, That the Most Wpfll G. M. Commission the Above Brethren Under his hand & Seal of the Lodge with Such Instructions as he may think Proper and That there Necessary Expences be Allow'd them Attending said Duty.

Voted, that a Committee of three be Chose to see if this Grand Lodge Can be better Accomodated with a room.

The committee were Brs Revere, Morton, Jutau.

John Warren G. M.
Paul Revere D. G. M.

P. Morton	S. G. W.	Josiah Waters Junr	
Jutau	J. G. W.	W. Scollay	
John Lowell	Gd Trr	Easa Parkman	G. S. B.
Wm Hoskins		Benja Homans.	
N. Willis		John Boit	
Norton Brailsford		Nathl Fellowes	
Truen	M.·.	Ben Coolidge	

John Welsh Junr

[This record bears the Autograph Segnatures of the Brethren above named.]

At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge in Ample Form at Colo John Marston's State Street Thursday Evening 3d June 1784.

Present.

Most Wpfll John Warren Esqr G. M.
Rt Wpfll Paul Revere Esqr D. G. M.

M° Wpfll Joseph Webb Esqr	P. G. M.
Wpfll John Jutau	as S. W.
Wpfll Josiah Bartlett	as J. W.
Wpfll Nathan^{l} Fellows	M^{r} S^{t} An. L° G. D.
Benj^{a} Homans	Mr St Patricks Lo. by Prox. J. G. D.
Wpfll Ja^{s} Avery	Mr Warren Lodge by Prox.
Wpfll M. M. Hays	Mr Mass^{a} Lodge.
Wm Scollay	S. W. Mass^{a}
John Cooledge	
James Prentiss	
Norton Brailsford	
Bro^{r} St Madar,	
Jon^{a} Stoddard	
Benj^{a} Frothingham	
Jn° Morse	J. W. K. S° L° by Prox.
Elias Parkman	G. Sw^{d} Bearer,
Aaron Dexter	Prox Ris^{g} Sun,
Benj^{a} Coolidge	G. Sec^{y}
J. Welsh Junr	Assist. Sec^{y}
Jos. Whipple	J. W. Mass^{a}
St Andrews represented, p'd	Essex not represented
Tyrian "	Amity " "
Mass^{a} " p'd	Washington not represented
St Peters "	St Patricks, represented
Berkshire not "	Worcester " p'd
Trinity " "	Vermont not "
United States not "	St Pauls " "
Warren represented	K Hyram " "
Perfect Union "	K Sol° represented p'd
Unity not "	Rising Sun represented p'd.

That as Bro^{r} Dexter has produced a Certificate from the Ris^{g} Sun Lodge request^{g} him to represent them by Proxy — he be admitted to a Seat in Grand Lodge. Wpfll Br^{r} Ja^{s} Avery produc'd a Vote from Warren Lodge that they approve the R^{ts} & Priviledges of this Grand Lodge as transmitted them by our Committee. Agreeable to our Constitutions the Most W. G. Master Nominated W° Jos^{h} Webb Esqr P. G. M. to be Grand Master Elect — the Ballots being Call'd — he was unanimously Chose Grand Master for the Year ensuing.

The Grand Master Elect then proceeded to nomination of his Officers & propos'd the Officers now holding place to Continue in Office viz, & accordingly nominated B^{r} Morton for S. G. W. who was ballotted for & Unanimously accepted. B^{r} Jutau was then nominated for J. G. W. who was ballotted for & unanimously chosen.

Voted, That Grand Lodge Celebrate the Feast of St John Baptist aproaching — & that it be not celebrated by a Public Procession.

Voted, A Committee of 3 be chosen to Assist the G. Stew^{ds} in

agreeing for & providing the Feast. Voted, That Brother Scollay, Bro^r Fellows & Bro^r Revere be the Committee.

John Warren	G M
Paul Revere,	
J. Jutau	S G W Pt
Josiah Bartlett	J. G. W. pt.
Nathl Fellowes.	
Benj^a Homans	
Ja^s Avery.	
M. M. Hays	Mas^r Mass Lodge.
W. Scollay	S. W. Mass Lodge.
Joseph Whipple	Jun : Ward : M : Lodge.
Eli^s Parkman	S : W : of Wooster Lodge.
Norton Brailsford	J : W : of Wooster Lodge.
Aaron Dexter	Rising Sun L^o by Proxy.
John Moss	
Benj Frothingham	
Jon^a Stodder	
John Welsh Junr	Assist^t Sec^y.

[This record bears the Autograph Signatures of the Brethren above named.]

At a Meeting of Massachusetts Grand Lodge in Ample Form conven'd at the Exchange Tavern, State Street Thursday Evening 2^d Septr 5784.

Present.

M^o W^o Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.
M^o W^o Paul Revere Esqr	D. G. M.
M^o W^o Jno Warren Esqr	P. G. M.
W^o Jno Jutau	as S G. W.
W^o Nathan^l Fellows	as J. G. W.
W^o Jno Stoddard	as S G D.
Wm Scollay	as J G D.
W^o Br^o Truen	Mr Perf^t U^n Lodge
Elias Parkman	G. Sw^d Bearer.
Norton Brailsford	Worcest^r by Proxy
Benj^a Coolidge	G. Sec^y
Jno Welsh Junr	Assist^t G. Sec^y

St Andrews represented p'd.		Essex	not
Tyrian	D^o	Amity	"
Mass^a	D^o	Washington	"
St Peters	not	St Patricks	"
Berkshire	"	Worcester represent^d p'd	
Trinity	"	Vermont	not
United States	"	St Pauls	"
Warren	"	K^i Hyram	"
Perf^t Union represented p'd.		K^i Solomon	"
Unity	not	Rising Sun	"

Voted, That as Trinity Lodge have Neglected the Gr^d L^o both by want of Proxies & not paying the dues — a Letter be wrote

them by the M° W° G. Mr Requesting an immediate disch^g of their dues or to return their Charter without delay.

The above Vote being reconsider'd — the follow^g pass'd — Viz^t

Voted, That Trinity Lodge held in the town of Lancaster having omitted paying their dues and in other Respects fail'd to comply with the Constitutions of Masonry as universally acknowledged be and hereby is required forthwith to return their Charter granted by the Authority of this Gr^d L° to the G^d Sec^y of the said G^d L°, that they may no longer [be] held or be convened under the same untill such injunctions and Rules as by the Constitutions of Masonry and their Special Instructions are made & provided shall be fully and faithfully complied with.

Voted, That a Similar Vote to the above be also wrote to Berkshire & Amity Lodges.

Voted, That the G. Sec^y Advertize in the Publick Gazettes notifying every Lodge under this Jurisdiction to meet either by themselves or Proxy at the next Gr^d Quarterly Communication on forfeiture of their Charters.

On a Petition of St Andrews Lodge N° 1. holding under this Jurisdiction, praying a renewal of their Charter with the alteration of the name to "Rising States."

Voted, The Petition be Granted.

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At a Meeting of Massachusetts Grand Lodge in Ample Form Conven'd at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern Thursday Evening 2^d December 5784.

Present.

M°	W° Jos^h Webb	Grand Master
R^t	W° Paul Revere	D. G. M.
	W° John Jutau	as S. G. W.
	W° Willm McKean	as J. G. W.
	W° John Lowell	G. Treas^r
	W° James Avery	as S. G. D.
	Willm Scollay	as J. G. D.
	Benj^a Coolidge	G. Sec^y
	John Welsh Junr	Ass^t G. Sec^y
	Elias Parkman	G. Sw^d B^r
	Norton Brailsford	
	W° Jos^i Bartlett	M^r K^i S° Lodge
	Elip^t Newell	W^s D°
	Benj^a Frothingham	W^s D°
	John Boit	J. W. R^i St^s L°

Representation of Lodges.

Rising States	Represented & p^{d}	Essex	not
Tyrian	d^{o} & p^{d}	Amity	"
Massachusetts	d^{o}	Washington	"
St Peters	not	St Patricks	"
Berkshire	"	Wooster	Repres^{d} & p^{d}
Trinity	"	Vermont	not
United States	"	St Pauls	"
Warren	Repres^{d}	King Hirams	"
Perfect Union	not	King Solomon	Rep^{d} & p^{d} 2 qu^{s}
Unity	Repres^{d}	Rising Sun	not

On Proceedings of the G^{d} Lodge by Deputation at Keane 8th September 5784. being Read

Voted, They be aprov'd of & put on File.

Voted That the M^{o} W^{o} Ju^{o} Warren, R. W. Perez Morton, R. W. Ju^{o} Jutau, Bro^{r} Scollay & R. W. Paul Revere be a Committee to take into consideration the delinquency of Several Lodges holding Charters under this Jurisdiction, and that the said Committee be requested to prepare a plan to be laid before the Grand Lodge, by which the Jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge may be positively ascertained — also Voted — That the G^{d} Sec^{y} attend the s^{d} Committee with such Papers of the G^{d} L^{o} as the Committee shall judge necessary for the Execution of the business.

Voted, Bro^{r} McKeen & Bro^{r} Parkman be added to the Committee.

Voted, The above Business be acted on as soon as possible, & when Compleated, the Committee inform the M^{o} W^{o} Grand Master & Request a Special Grand Lodge may be then call'd to lay the Proceedings before them.

Grand Lodge Clos'd.

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At a Meeting of Mass^{a} Grand Lodge Wednesday Evening 19th Jany 5785. In Ample Form Conven'd at the Bunch of Grapes, on Special Occasion.

Present.

M^{o} W^{o} Jos. Webb	Grand Mast^{r}
M^{o} W^{o} John Warren	P. G. M.
W^{o} John Jutau	as S. G. W.
W^{o} Louis Bauryee	" J. G. W.
St Madar	" S G D.
Huyman	" J. G. D.
Nort^{n} Brailsford	" G. S^{d}
John Welsh Junr	" G. Sec^{y}

On a Petition from a Number of Brethren in Manchester, County of Bennington, in the Western Part of Vermont State, Requesting to be incorporated & beg a Charter for a Lodge by the Name of NORTH STAR,

Voted, That the Petition be granted & the Sec^{y} is directed to provide a Charter accordingly. Voted, That when any Charter or Dispensation is granted, a Paragraph shall be inserted that "it ceases to be a Regular Lodge if neglected to be Represented more than one Year."

Grand Lodge Clos'd.

p^{d} Tilor 9/ Note. Bro^{r} Noah Smith, the Bearer of the Petition p^{d} Bro^{r} Marston for Bill of the Evening.

20th Jany Rec^{d} for the above Charter of Bro^{r} Smith

Fees for G^{d} Lodge 2 guin^{s}		2 ,, 16
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At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge held at the Bunch [of] Grapes Tavern at Boston on the Evening of March 3^{d} 5785.

Present.

Most Wfp.	Joseph Webb Esqr	G^{d} M^{r}
Rising States	Paul Reveir Esqr	D. G. M.
K^{i} Solomon	Doct^{r} Bartlett	S. G. W.
Perfect Union	Doct^{r} St Madar	J. G. W.
	John Boit	S. G. D.
Massachusetts	Doct. Whipple	J. G. D.
Bro^{r}	Eli^{s} Parkman	Sec^{y} pro. Tem.
	Jno Warren	p. G. M.
Wooster	Norton Brailsford	
	Wm Calder	
	Eliphet Newell.	

Rec^{d} from Rising States Lodge 18/.
Wooster Lodge D^{o} 18/.

On the petition of a number of Lodges holding under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge in the Vicinity of this Town praying for permission & Authority to hold a General Convention of the Lodges of Anctient Masons in this State for purposes Set forth in the Said Petitions,

Voted, that this Grand Lodge Approve of the proposal contained in those petitions & do recommend that said Lodges together with any others immediately in this Vicinity ap^{t} 5 representatives respectively to convene Thursday next at 3 ^{o}Clock at ye Bunch of Grapes in Boston for the purpose of devising proper means for form^{g} such general Convention that the State of Masonry in this

Comw^{h} be duly cons^{d} & Benefitt & Interest of the Craft in general promoted & that the Grand Sec^{y} furnish the Lodges with [a] Copy of this Vote.

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At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge held on a Special Occasion at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, April 28th 1785.

Present.

Most Whfle	Jos: Webb Esqr	G. M.
	Paul Reveir Esqr	D. G. M.
	John Warren Esqr	P. G. M.
	Doct^{r} Bartlett	S. G. W. pro Tem.
	Doct^{r} Dexter	J. G. W. pro Tem.
	Benj^{a} Homans	S. G. D.
	James Prentiss	J. G. D. & J. W. T. Lodge.
	Elias Parkman	G. S. pro. Tem.
	Benjamin Coolidge	M. Tyrian
	Jonathan Stoddard	S. W. do
	Capt Norton Brailsford	J. W. Wooster Lodge.
	George Homans	S. W. St Patricks
	Alex^{r} Ewen	J. W. d^{o}
Whfle	Bro^{r} Boreau	M. P. Union
	Doct^{r} St Medar	W. D^{o}
Whf	John Jutau	
	Benj. Frothingham	
	Eliphalet Newell	
	John Boit.	

A Comission from the Master & Wardens of the Rising Sun Lodge to Aaron Dexter Esqr to Represent them by Proxy in the Grand Lodge was Read & Accepted.

A Return of Officers from St Patricks Lodge was presentd by Bro^{r} Benj^{a} Homans together with a Number of Votes from S^{d} Lodge.

On a Circular Letter Received from the Grand Lodge of Pensylvainia — it was

VOTED, that a Committee of Seven be chosen to take into consideration the afore mentioned Letter, and Report what is proper to be done at the next Quarterly Communication.

Committee	Wfl. Jno Warren
	Wfl. Jo^{s} Webb
	Wfl. Bro^{r} Boreau
	Wfl. Paul Reveir
	Wfl. Bro^{r} Dexter
	Wfl. Perez Morton
	Wfl. Bro^{r} Jutau.

Voted — That the Circular Letter communicated this Evening from the most Wfl. Grand Lodge of Pensylvania be Committed for the purpose of determining what is expedient to be done thereon and That the most wfl Grand Lodge Aforesaid be informed as Soon as possible that proposals contained will be duely consider'd in a full Assembly of the Lodges, under this Jurisdiction to be Speedily Conveen'd, & the Result Transmitted by the Earliest Oportunity.

Jos: Webb	John Warren	P. G. M.
Paul Revere	John Jutau	S. G. W. p T.
Alexander Ewen.	Josiah Bartlett as J. G^d^ Ward^n^	
George S. Homans	Benj^a^ Frothingham.	
Norton Brailsford	Benj^a^ Coolidge M^r^ by Proxy Tyrian Lodge.	
John Boit	James Prentiss S. W.	d°
Eliphelet Newell	Baury de Bellerive	
P. St Medard	Aaron Dexter M. by Proxy rising Sun.	

Benj^a^ Homans M. by Proxery St Patrick
Eli^s^ Parkman S. W of Wooster Lodge & G. S. bearer.

Bro^r^ Welsh p^d^ G. Treas^r^ Lowell 2 Guin^s^ for Charter of North Starr Lodge } £2 ,, 16 ,,

[This record bears the Autograph Signatures of the Brethren above named.]

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge in Ample Form at the Bunch of Grapes State Street Thursday Evening June 2^d^ 5785.

Present

Most Wpfll Joseph Webb Esq.	G. M.
R^t^ Wpfll Paul Revere Esq.	D. G. M.
Wpfll John Jutau Esq	S. G. W.
Wpfll Wm Hoskins Esq.	J. G. W.
Wpfll Thomas Edwards	Mr Rising States
Aaron Dexter	Proxy for Rising Sun.
Wpfll Josiah Bartlett	Mr King Solomon.
Wm Scollay	S. W. Massachusetts.
Wpfll Benj^a^ Tupper	Mr Hampshire Lodge.
Eliphalet Newall	S. W. King Solomon.
P. St Medar	S. W. Perfect Union.
Norton Brailsford	J. W. Wooster by Proxy.
John Boit	S. W. Warren by Proxy.
Benj^a^ Coolidge	G^d^ Sec^y^

Lodges.

Rising States	yea,	St Patricks	
St Peters	yea,	Vermont	
United States		King Solomon	yea.
Unity		North Star.	
Washington		Massachusetts,	yea.
St Pauls		Trinity	

Montgomery		Perfect Union	yea
Rising Sun	yea.	Amity	
Tyrian		Wooster	yea 18/.
Berkshire		King Hiram	
Warren	yea.	Hampshire	yea 18/

Essex

Return from Rising States Lodge of their Choice of Officers.

R^{t} Wpfll	Thomas Edwards Esq	M.
	Nat. Willis	S. W.
	Jno Coolidge	J. W.
R^{t} Wpfll	Paul Revere Esq.	Treas.
	Benj^{a} Coolidge,	Sec^{y}
	Norton Brailsford	S. D.
	Simon Hall	J. D.
	Jon^{a} Stodder	Steward.
	Amos Lincoln	D^{o}
	Jos^{h} Webber	D^{o}
	B^{r} Hooten	Toiler.

Mov'd & Seconded that a Committee of three with the Secretary be Appointed to Examine the State of the G^{d} Lodge Accounts.

R^{t} Wpfll Paul Revere Esq. Wm Scollay, Aaron Dexter, Committee.

Voted,

The Choice of Officers be Pospon'd untill the 24th Instant being the feast of St John.

Voted, That there be no Publick Festival.

Voted, That this Lodge adjourn till 4 O Clock 24th Instant.

Jos : Webb		Josiah Bartlett Mr K. S. L.	
Paul Revere		Ben Tupper	
John Jutau		Wm Hoskins	
P. St Medard		Norton Brailsford	
W Scollay Mass L.		Eliphelet Newell	
A. Dexter Ris^{g} Sun.		John Boit	
Thos Edwards		Benj^{a} Coolidge G. Secy.	
p'd Toiler for this Evening & the Preceeding	18/	Collected	36/
		p'd Toiler	18/
			18/

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge by Adjournment Friday June 24th 1785.

Present.

Most Wpfll	Joseph Webb Esq.	G. M.
Wpfll	John Jutau	S. G. W.
Wpfll	M. M. Hays	J. G. W.
	Aaron Dexter	S. G. D.
	Benj^{a} Homans	J. G. D.

John Lowell	G. Treas.
Benj^{a} Coolidge	G^{d} Sec^{y}
Wm Scollay	S. W. Mass^{a} Lodge
Joseph Whipple	J. W. D^{o}
Wpfll Thos Edwards Esq.	M. R. States
St Medar	P. Union Lodge
Nebon	D^{o}
Norton Brailsford	for Wooster
Elias Parkman	for D^{o}
John Boit	
Henry Sherburne	St Patrick
Benj^{a} Tupper	for Hampshire
Josiah Waters Junr Esq.	
Benj^{a} Lincoln	Rising Sun
Wpfll Josiah Bartlett	King Sol^{s}
Caleb Swan	
Eliphalett Newall	
R^{t} Wpfll Paul Revere Esqr	D. G. M.

Lodges.

Rising States yea.	St Patricks yea.
St Peters	Vermont
United States,	King Solomon yea.
Unity	North Star.
Washington	Massachusetts yea
St Pauls	Trinity.
Montgomery	Perfect Union yea
Rising Sun yea.	Amity
Tyrian	Wooster yea.
Berkshire	King Hiram
Warren	Hampshire yea.
Essex	

King Solomon's Lodge p'd the G^{d} Treas^{r} for ye Charter		56/
p'd the G^{d} Sec^{y}		14/
p'd Quarterage to the Treas^{r}		18/
	£4	,, 8/

Voted, That the Grand Lodge Proceed to the Choice of G^{d} Master, by Ballot.

The Most Wpfll Joseph Webb Esqr was Chosen Grand Master for the Year Ensuing.

Wpfll B^{r} Jutau was Chosen S. G. Warden.

Wpfll B^{r} Hays Chosen J. G. W.

" B^{r} Lowell Chosen G^{d} Treasurer

B^{r} Jno Welsh G^{d} Sec^{y}

B^{r} Lowell was Excus'd & B^{r} Wm Scollay was Chosen Grand Treasurer.

Benj^{a} Homans S. G. D.

Aaron Dexter J. G. D.

John Boit }	Steward
Jos. Whipple }	D°
Elias Parkman	G^d Sw^d Bearer
Josiah Waters Esq.	G^d Marshall
John Jones	G^d Toiler.

The M° W° Grand Master apointed Brother John Lowell, Dep^y G. M^r

Moved,

That the G. M. be Requested to write Letters to all the G^d Lodges in America & Europe wherein he will inform them of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge & inform them that this G. Lodge wishes to keep up a Brotherly Correspondence for the Good of Masonry & Request that all new Regulations & any other Transactions wherein the benefitt of the Craft in general is concern'd might be communicated to this G. L. and this G. L. will do the same on their part — also enclose to the G. L. of Scotland a Duplicate of the Letter wrote sometime past by a Committee.

At a Special Grand Lodge at the Bunch of Grapes 23^d of July 5785. in Ample Form Conven'd.

Present.

M° W° Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M^r
W° John Jutau	S. G. W.
W° Thos Edwards as	J. G. W.
Benj^a Homans	S. G. D.
Aaron Dexter	J. G. D.
William Scollay	G. T^r
Norton Brailsford	G. Sec^y
Elias Parkman	G. S^d B^r

A Petition from a number of Bretheren Viz^t David Noble & others praying for a Charter to Erect a Lodge in the Town of Williamstown, County of Berkshire, in this Commonwealth by the name of Friendship Lodge — the same being read —

Voted — The Petition be granted & that Israel Jones be apointed Master.

N.B. the Bearer of the Petition being oblig'd to leave town the Charter was not compleated.

On The Petition of Amasa Lernard & others,

Voted, The Petition be granted for a Charter of Dispensation to hold a Lodge at Norwich in Connecticut by the name of Columbia, of which Phillip Turner is apointed their Master.

N.B. Sent Mem° [of] the Fees by the Bearer of the Petition.

At a Meeting of the Massachusets Grand Lodge, held by Adjournment at the Bunch [of] Grapes State Street Thursday Evening Septtr 29th 5785.

Present.

Most Worshipful Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.
Rt Worshipful John Lowell Esqr	D. G. Master

Rt Worshipful Paul Revere	P. D. G. Master
Rt Worshipful John Jutau	S. G. W.
Rt Worshipful Thomas Edwards	J. G. W. p Temp.
Brother Benjamin Homans	S. G. D.
Brother Mermaid	J. G. D.
Brother Scollay	G. T.
Brother Richards	G. S.
Brother Waters	G. M[ll]
Bro Brailsford	Brother Dexter

Whereas Brother Jn° Welsh, was at the last Annual Choice of Officers on June 27th 1785 Chosen Grand Secr[y] and not Withstanding he has signed the summons as issued since that time, but has never attended the Grand Lodge, to signify his Acceptance of the Trust and be invested with the Jewell, therefore

Voted, that this Lodge now proceed to the Choice of a Grand Secret[y], that place being deemed Vacant by the Lodge, Brother Geo. Richards was unanimously Chosen.

Voted, That this Lodge Accepts of the Report of the Committee appointed at the Last Meeting, which Committee were instructed to Consider of a proposal from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for forming a general Convention, & to draft a Letter in Answer thereto.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to write to the Different Lodges, who are any ways in Arrears to this Grand Lodge, & request their respective Ballances due.

Committee Nominated & appointed — R W. John Lowell
R.W. John Jutau
Brother Edwards.

Voted, upon a Motion made by Brother Homans as Proxy for St Patricks Lodge, that said Lodge be allowed to Renew their Charter, the Grand Lodge allow of the same, & Brother Homans will take the Necessary Steps therefor, by Petition duly Address'd to this Lodge.

Then the Grand Lodge was adjourned to the 1st Thursday in December 5785.

GEO RICHARDS, G. Sec[y]

At a Meeting of the Massachusets Grand Lodge, held by adjournment at the Bunch of Grapes State Street, Thursday Evening 1st of December 5785.

Present.

Most Wpful Joseph Webb Esq[r]	G. M.
R Worshipful John Lowell Esq[r]	D. G. M.
Wpful Josiah Bartlett	S. G. W. P. Tem.
Benj Homans	J. G. W P. Tem.
Norton Brailsford Esq[r]	S. G. D. P. Temp.
Geo. Richards	G. Sec[y]
R. Wpful John Jutau	

Lodges Represented.	Proxies.
St Patrick	Brother Homans
Wooster	Brother Brailsford
King Solomon . . .	Wpfl Josiah Bartlett.

Upon Motion of Rt Wpful John Jutau & unanimously

Voted, that this Lodge be adjourned to Thursday 8th instant at 6 o Clº P.M. that a Special Summons be Issued for the then Meeting of this Grand Lodge, & that the Grand Secretary inform the Members of the Sense this Grand Lodge entertains of their general non attendance, in Manner & form agreable to the Instructions as Voted and hereafter Recorded . . . . Vizt

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge has of late materially suffered by non attendance of the Members, it is therefore

Voted, That such Members Officers of Lodges & Proxies as do not attend agreable to the Special Summons accompanying this be considered as Culpable, & that the Lodges then unrepresented be informed by the Grand Secretary of such Neglect.

GEO RICHARDS .·. G. Secy.

At a Meeting of the Massachusets Grand Lodge held by Adjournment, at Brother Marstons, The Bunch of Grapes in State Street Boston, upon Thursday Evening the 8th of December 5785.

Present.

M. Worshipful Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.
M. Wpful John Warren Esqr	P. G. M.
R. Worshipful John Lowell Esqr	D. G. M.
R. W John Jutau	S. G. W.
Wpf Thomas Edwards	J. G. W protem.
Wp Josiah Bartlett	S. G. D. protem.
Nathaniel Willys Esqr	J. G. D. protem.
William Scollay	G. T.
Josiah Waters Esqr	G. M.
Elias Parkman Esqr	G. Swd B.
Geo. Richards	G. Secy
Rt W. Paul Revere	P. G. Master.

Lodges Represented [and] Proxies.

Rising States pd to Grd Treas. 18/Thomas Edwards Esqr
Massachusetts Brother Scollay Nathaniel Willys
St Patrick Benj. Homans.
Tyrian Not Represented.
St Peters Not Represented.
Berkshire Not Represented.
Trinity Ditto.
United States Ditto.
Warren Ditto.
Wooster pd 18/ Norton Brailsford.
St Pauls Not Represented.
Vermont Ditto.
King Hiram Ditto.
Montgomery Dº
King Solomon Cash in full 2 Quarters 36/ Wp Josiah Bartlett, Eliphalet Newell, William Calder.

P. Union	Not Represented.	Hampshire.	not represented.
Unity	Ditto.	Rising Sun	Benj Lincoln Jr. Esqr.
Essex	Ditto.	North Star	Not Represented.
Amity	Ditto.	Friendship	Ditto.
Washington	Extinct	Columbia	Not Represented.

The Grand Lodge being opened in due Masonick Form by Order of the Grand Master Assisted by the Proper Grand Officers.

The Committee Consisting of Brothers Lowell, Jutau & Edwards, appointed on the 29th of Septbr 5785—for the purpose of Writing to the Several Lodges, for their Respective Ballances due to the Grand Lodge, brought in & Reported the Draft of a Letter which they had prepared to be sent, to the Different Lodges under this Jurisdiction & submitted to the Grand Lodge for their Approbation; after the Reading of which by the Secretary & the subject Matter thereof, being variously debated & Considered in different points of View, the Most Worshipful John Warren P. G. M. made the following Motion, which being Seconded, was put by the Most Worshipful as recorded.

"Whether this Grand Lodge will immediately Summon, all the Lodges to a prompt Representation, & due Payment of their Quarterages & Arrearages due."

Which was Voted Unanimously And then upon Motion duly Made the Grand Lodge Came unanimously to the following Resolution.

"That all the Lodges after having had seasonable Notice of the "above Requisition & not Complying therewith, as far as respects "the Payment of their Arrearages, shall be erased from the Books "of this Grand Lodge."

The Letter which the Committee had laid on the Table Previous to discussing the subject Matter of the Two foregoing Resolutions, having been Lost or Mislaid during the Course of Debate, The Lodge therefore proceeded to the Election of a Committee, for the Purposes of drafting a Circular Letter to the different Lodges & Brothers Lowell, Jutau & Edwards being Reappointed, they drafted or Produced a Letter similar to the former, which after two several Readings & serious debate, was unanimously Voted, (together with a Copy of Account Inclos'd) to be forwarded to the following Lodges & the Time Marked against their Names to be allowed for Compliance With the requisition of this Grand Lodge.

Massachusetts	March	Unity	March.
St Peters	Ditto	Essex	March.
Berkshire	March or June at farthest.	Amity	March.
Trinity	March.	St Pauls	March or June.
United States	March.	Vermont	Ditto.
Warren	March or June.	King Hiram	Ditto.
P. Union	Immediately to be written to & report in March.	Rising Sun	Ditto.
		North Star	Ditto.

Motioned, Seconded & Voted Unanimously that the Grand Secretary, immediately, Write to the Tyrian Lodge & demand Payment of their dues, Previous to a Secession from this Grand Lodge. Upon Motion of the R Worshipful Josiah Bartlett, Voted Unanimously, that the Quarterages in future be reduced to Twelve Shillings per Quarter, & that the Grand Secretary be Directed to inform all the Lodges thereof in his Circular Letters . . .

Voted Unanimously, that this Lodge will not Celebrate the Festival of St John the Baptist.

Voted Unanimously that the Quarterly Communications in future be held upon Friday Evenings, & it pleased the Most Worshipful to close the Grand Lodge till the next Quarterly Communication, to be holden on the First Friday in March 5786.

GEO. RICHARDS G. Sec^y.

Decbr 8th 5785		
C^r Rising States Lodge pd Grand Treasurer		18
C^r King Solomons Lodge pd Grd Secy		1 ,, 16
C^r Wooster Lodge pd	d°	18
NB. The Monies recd by Grand Secry paid to the Grand Treasurer in Lodge.	[*sic*]	£2 ,, 12

At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge held by Adjournment for Quarterly Communication; at the House of Brother Marstion the 1st Friday of March 1786 A. L. 5786. Friday Evening,

Present.

M. Wpfl Joseph Webb Esqr	G. Master.
	P. G. M.
John Lowell Esqr	D. G. M.
John Jutau Esqr	S. G. W.
Coll° Tupper	J. G. W. p temp
Brother Edwards	S. G. D^n p tem
Brother Porter	J. G. D^n p temp
Dr Scollay	G. T^r
	G Marshall
Elias Parkman Esqr	G. S^d. B^r
John Boit	G. S^d
	G. S^d
Geo Richards	G. S^y
Nath Willys Esqr	
Brothers Newhall } Calder }	King Solomon's Lodge.
Brother Brailsford	Wooster Lodge.
Brother Jones,	Friendship Lodge.

The Lodge being opened in due Masonick Form, the Lodges were called over, when the following were represented.

Rising States	Thomas Edwards
Massachusetts	William Scollay

Warren	John Boit
Wooster	N. Brailsford
King Solomon	Newhall & Calder
Hampshire	Elisha Porter
Friendship	Israel Jones.

After which the Secretary was desired to inform the Grand Lodge, whether he had received any official Communications from the Lodges, who had been written to respecting their arrearages, to which he answered in the Negative; and the Lodge then unanimously

Voted, that farther liberty be given to all the Lodges to Report in June, & that the Grand Secretary inform the Lodges of the Cause of this suspension, of the Lodges not proceeding to Judgement upon delinquent Lodges; that it has resulted from a due Consideration of the Inclemency of the Season &c; & the impracticability of Returns being made at the appointed time — also, it was unanimously

Voted, that the Lodges be called upon for regular Returns of Officers Annually Elected.

And then the Most Worshipful was pleased to close the Lodge till the first Friday in June.

Recd of Hampshire Lodge 12/
Recd of King Solomon 12/
£1 ,, 4 ,, 0 P'd G. Treasurer
G RICHARDS.
G. Secry.

At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, of Quarterly Communication, holden at the House of Brother Marstion Bunch of Grapes Boston, upon Friday Evening the 2d of June 1786 A L 5786.

Present.

M. W. Jos Webb Esqr	G Master
R. W. John Lowell	D. G. Master
R. W. John Warren	P. G. Master
M M Hayes Esqr	S. G. Warden
John Jutau Esqr	J. G. Warden
Dr Scollay	G Treasurer
G. Richards	G Secretary
Benj Homans	S. G. Deacon
Dr Dexter	J. G. Deacon
Boit	S. G. Steward
E. Parkman Esqr	G. S. Bearer
T. Edwards Esqr	Brother Revere
Bartlett,	Calder
Dunckerly,	Nebon
Rev J. Nichols	Starkweather.
Brailsford	

The Lodge being opened in due Masonick form by the Most Worshipful, assisted by his Wardens, The Lodges under this Jurisdiction were called over by the Secretary & the following were represented.

Rising States	Warren
St Patricks	King Solomon
Rising Sun	Friendship
Massachusetts	Perfect Union
Wooster	Hampshire,
North Star	

after which the following Lodges paid into the Hands of the Grand Treasurer the Sums marked below,

Rising States	£0 ,, 12/
King Solomon	12/
North Star (Manchester)	£3 ,, 12/ p Br Nichols
Massachusetts	,, 12/ p. B. Scollay
Friendship	12/

& the Grand Secretary communicated to the Lodge that upon settlement of a/c with the Treasurer of Perfect Union Lodge he had received five pounds Eight Shillings in full of their Arrearages due the Grand Lodge.

A Letter was then read from Warren Lodge, Voted that said Letter & account enclosed with it, be delivered to Brother Boit to act upon, in the Settlement of Certain Monies, which the Warren Lodge charge Brother J. Symmes with having Received, without duly accounting for the Same.

A Letter Received from the North Star Lodge, Read & ordered to be filed. Ditto Letter & Return from Friendship Lodge, Read and Ordered to be filed.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to Choice of Grand Officers for the year Ensuing. A Motion was made for the Constitutions to be read, which was Negativd & Voted to proceed by Ballot for the Choice of Grand Master. When the Numbers being Counted Most W : J. Webb was reElected Grand Master, who was pleased to Appoint the R. Wo. John Lowell D G Master.

Senior Warden Voted for & M M Hayes Esqr Elected who Excused himself & his Resignation was accepted. The Book of Constitutions being again called for, the Regulations were read respecting the Election of a Grand Master, & other officers.

Motion made by Brother Revere, for the Adjournment of Grand Lodge, Seconded by Brother Jutau & Negatived.

The Lodge then proceeded to the Choice of a New Senior Grd Warden.

Dr Josiah Bartlett Elected.

& Thomas Edwards Esqr J. G. Warden.

The Most Worshipful Nominated the following Brethren as Grand Officers who were also Chosen.

Dr Scollay,	Grand Treasurer,
G Richards	G. Secretary
Elias Parkman Esq	Grand Marshall
Benj Homans	S. G. Deacon
Dr Dexter	J. G. Deacon,
Boit	S. G. Steward
Norton Brailsford	J. G. Steward
Benja Frothingham	Grand Sword Bearer,
Jones	Grand Tyler.

Motioned whether the Grand Lodge will Celebrate the Festival of St John the Baptist upon the 24th instant. Negatived.

Motioned That the installation of the Grand Officers take place at Charlestown the 24th instant at 3 oClo P. M. Passed in the Affirmative.

After which the Most Worshipful declared the Grand Lodge Closed to the 24th instant, 3 oClo P. M. then to meet at Warren Hall Charlestown.

Rising States 12/

GEO. RICHARDS G Secy.

WARREN HALL, Charlestown,
SATURDAY June 24th 1786 A L 5786.
3 oClo. P. M.

At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, agreeable to a Vote of the 2d instant for the purpose of Installing the Grand Officers Elected for the Year Ensuing,

Present.

M. W. Joseph Webb Esqr	G. Master
R. W. John Lowell	D. G. Master
Dr J Bartlett	S. G. Warden
T. Edwards	J. G. Warden
B. Homans	S. G. Deacon
N Brailsford	J. G. Deacon Proxy for B. Dexter.
William Scollay	G. Treasurer,
Broth I. Snow	G. Secry Proxy for B. Richards.
Elias Parkman Esqr	Grand Marshal.
B. Frothingham Jones	Grand Sword Bearer. Grand Tyler.

Broth St Medard	Hyslop	Hunt
Starkweather	Cushing	Hays
McElroy	P. Revere Junr	Williams
Winslow	Willys	Webber
Calder	Nebon	Moore
Jutau	Dunkerly	Edwards
Blodget	Magner	Davenport.
Stone	Porter	

The Lodge being opened in due Masonick Form, the Most Worshipful Grand Master Invested the following Officers with the Badges to them respectively belonging.

John Lowell Esqr	D. G. Master
Dr Josiah Bartlett	S. G^{d}. Warden
T Edwards Esqr	J. G. Warden
Benj Homans	S. G. Deacon
N. Brailsford	J. G. Dea. Proxy for B Dexter
William Scollay	G. Treasurer
Isaac Snow	G. Secy Proxy for B. Richards
Elias Parkman Esqr	G Marshal
B. Frothingham	G. Swd Bearer.

Voted That a Letter from Trinity Lodge be referred to a Committee to make report at the Next quarterly Communication & that the Committee Consist of Brother Bartlett, Frothingham & Edwards.

Voted That the Grand Lodge will accept the Resignation of the Perfect Union Charter & that the Request of Said Lodge respecting their Holding their Rank be referred to the Next Meeting of Grand Lodge.

After which The Most Wpfl was pleased to Close the Grand Lodge till the first Friday in September 1786 A. L. 5786.

AUG 17th 5786.

Recd of Montgomery Lodge at Salisbury in the State of Connecticut £. 7 ,, 4 ,, 0.
5 Guineas 1/7

At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge for Quarterly Communication holden at the House of Mrs Marstion, State Street, Boston, on the Evening of the first Friday in Septtr, Anno Luminis 5786.

	Present.
Joseph Webb Esqr	Most Worshipful G Master.
. . . . .	D^{y} G. Master.
Dr. J. Bartlett	S. Warden,
Brother Calder,	J. Warden p Temp.
Gabriel Helme	S. J. Deacon per Proxy for B. Homans
. . .	J. G. Deacon
Geo Richards	G. Secr^{y}
. . .	G. Treasurer
. . .	G. Sw^{d} Bearer
Elias Parkman Esqr	G. Marshall.
Norton Brallsford	S. G. Steward.
Brother Boit	J. G. Steward.
John Jones	G. Tyler
Wpful Paul Revere Esquire	
R. W. Brother Calder	
Brother Newhall	King Solomon's Lodge.

The Lodge being opened in due Masonick form, the Lodges were Ordered to be called over & the following were Represented.

Rising States, St. Patrick, King Solomon.

After which the Letters upon the Table were read in the order Annexed.

a Letter from Warren Lodge, August 5th with Return.

Ditto from Vermont Lodge.

ditto from Montgomery Lodge with Letter from Brother Patterson inclosing the same.

ditto from Grand Lodge at New York.

ditto from John Marston Junr also Return Read from King Solomon's Lodge.

R Wpful Brother Bartlett read the draft of a Letter which he had Prepared to send the Trinity Lodge agreable to a Vote of the last Lodge Night, which having been debated, was passed, together with an abatement of all their dues, owing to the Grand Lodge until the 1st day of June 1785; & a Copy of said Letter & abatement of accompt was ordered to be forwarded to the Trinity Lodge by the Grand Secretary.

Upon Motion of the Rt Worshipful Brother Bartlett seconded by the R. Worshipful Brother Revere, Voted, That a Committee be appointed to draft a book of Constitutions for the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, that said Committee Consist of Five & that they report as soon as may be.

Committee Nominated & Appointed.

Brothers Webb, Warren, Bartlett, Revere, Dexter.

Upon Motion made respecting, the Members of the Lodge late called the Perfect Union, having assembled since the delivering of their Charter to this Lodge, & holding themselves as a Regular Body of Masons, & it appearing that the Authority by which they pretend to exercise Such Power, was founded, upon their having by some Mode or other, reobtained their former Charter, without a Vote of this Grand Lodge therefor; all which being Considered, the Grand Lodge came to the following resolution;

THAT whereas a Representation has been made to this Grand Lodge, that the Charter of Perfect Union Lodge which was given up to this Grand Lodge, at their last meeting as appears by the Grand Lodge Books, has been returned without the Consent of this Grand Lodge, We are therefore of Opinion, that the giving back of that Charter, was illegal & unconstitutional.

Voted, That the Consideration of the Perfect Union Lodges holding their Rank be deferred to the next quarterly Communication, & that the Grand Secretary serve the Perfect Union Lodge with a Copy of the above Votes.

Upon Motion with respect to the delinquency of several Lodges, It was unanimously Voted

That whereas several of the Lodges, holding under this Jurisdiction, have not assembled regularly as they ought to

have done, neither held themselves responsible to Grand Lodge by Proxy, nor paid their Arrearages, all which being contrary to the Letter of their Instructions at the time of Creation, & highly derogatory to the good of the Craft, & the dignity of this Grand Lodge, therefore to remedy such malconduct in future, and support the honour of the Masonick institution, it is Resolved That the Grand Master have full power to Comission any Member of the Grand Lodge, with all the authority of a Deputy Grand Master, for the express purpose of summoning & assembling all such delinquent Lodges as soon as may be, demanding of them the Causes of their respective delinquencies, in all the above Points and to report the same to this Grand Lodge; or in Case of their refusal, to regularly assemble, hold themselves represented by Proxy, & pay their dues, that then the said Deputy Grand Master shall demand their Charters, & in due form dissolve said Lodges, who shall thereupon be Erased from the Records of the Grand Lodge.

It then Pleased the most Worshipful to close, the Grand Lodge, to the first Friday of December, 5786 Unless sooner Convened by especial Summons.

Copy of a/c Dr & Cr Trinity Lodge.

June 1. 1785 Trinity Lodge to Sunday Quarteridges		£12 ,, 12.
Decbr 1. 1785 Do to 2 Quarteridges		1 ,, 16.
June 1. 1786 Do to 2 Quarteridges		1 ,, 4.
		£15 ,, 12.
Supra	Cr	
By Cash	£7 ,, 4 ,, 0	
By abatement per desire of Trinity Lodge, in consequence of some misunderstandings respectg Jurisdiction	£8 ,, 8 ,,	15 ,, 12 ,,

N. B. Recd of Friendship Lodge for Charter 2 Guineas	2 ,, 16
G Sy paid the same to Collo Marston p Ordr of Treasurer	2 ,, 16
Recd of P Union Lodge in full of their dues to Decbr 1. 1785	£5 ,, 8 ,,
Grand Treasurer paid G Secy on a/c of his Salary	£5 ,, 8 ,, 0

A true Record

GEO.·. RICHARDS G Secry.

At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, assembled by especial summons, Friday the 3d November 5786.

Present.

M W. Joseph Webb Esqr	G. M.
R. W. John Warren	P. G. M.
R. W. J. Bartlett	S. G. W.
R. W. Thom Edwards Esqr	J. G. W.

Benjamin Homans Esqr	S. G. D.
Dr Aaron Dexter	J. G. D.
Geo Richards	G$^{\cdot}$ S^{y}
Elias Parkman Esqr	G. M^{ll}
B Frothingham Esqr	G. S. B.
N. Brailsford,	G. Stew^{d}
R. W John Jutau	——— Calder,
R. W Israel Jones	Gabriel Helme,
R. W Paul Revere,	——— Newell.

Grand Lodge being opened in due Masonick Form, the Lodges were called over by the G. Secretary & Rising States, St Patrick, Wooster, King Solomon & Friendship were represented.

The Committee who had been appointed to Draft a book of Constitutions were called upon to report, & reported accordingly. After which upon Motion of the R W T Edwards to refer the final acting upon, & Consideration of this book of Constitutions, to a future Lodge, it was unanimously Voted That a New Committee be appointed to Revise the report of the present Committee & point out any Alterations which shall have been Made, differing from the former established Regulations, all such Paragraphs to be minuted for the consideration of a future Lodge, & the present Committee not only to report generally upon the book of Constitutions but also particularly, in all Points which vary from former Laws & usage:

Committee Nominated & Appointed

Jutau	Scollay	I. Jones
Edwards	Parkman	
Morton	Homans	
Lowell	Brailsford	

who are to report at the Quarterly Communication 1st Friday Decbr. 5786.

Voted that the former Committee (Vizt) Brothers Webb, Warren, Bartlett, Revere, Dexter, inform themselves of the Erection of a Lodge at Danbury by the Name of Union, & also of another at Salisbury by the Name of Montgomery whose time of Creation & Record of Charter is not to be found in the G. Lodge Books. & that this Committee report at said time of quarterly Communication.

Voted That the Grand Secretary Notify all the Lodges in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to attend by Proxy or otherwaies at next Quarterly Communication.

It then pleased the Most Worshipful to Close the Grand Lodge, till the first Friday in December.

A true Record

GEO RICHARDS.·. G. Sec'y.

Masachusetts Grand Lodge, Friday Decbr 1, 5786. Assembled for Quarterly Communication at the Bunch of Grapes State Street Boston.

Present.

The Most Worshipful J Webb	G. M.
. . . .	D. G. M.
T. Edwards	S. G. W.
J. Bartlett	J. G. W.
B Homans	S. G. D.
Calder	J. G. D. p temp
Dr Scollay	G. Trs^{r}
G. Richards	G Sec^{y}
. . . .	G. M L.
. . . .	G. S B^{r}
N Brailsford	S. G. St^{d}
J. Boit	J G. St^{d}
. . . .	P. G. M^{r}
R Wfl. John Jutau	P. G. W.

R. W Paul Revere, —— Calder, —— Newell, —— Hawes J.^{r} Warden Proxy for St Patricks.

Grand Lodge being opened in due Masonick Form, & the Lodges called over by the Secretary the following Lodges were represented, Viz^{t}

Rising States, St Patrick, Wooster, King Solomon.

Brother Homans offered a Deputation to the Grand Lodge in favour of Brother William Hawes appointing him as Junior Grand Warden per Proxy for St Patricks Lodge, who was received & took his place.

Upon Motion with respect to the Perfect Union Lodge holding their Rank,

Voted that the final Consideration of said Lodges holding their Rank be deferred till such time as they shall or may apply for their Charters, being renewed.

The Committee appointed to Report upon the subject of the book of Constitutions as per Record of the Last Lodge Night preferred a Report which was ordered to be filed; & the Lodge, Voted that agreable to the Spirit of the present Constitutions, the Subject matter of the proposed Regulations, book of Constitutions &c, be referred to a future quarterly Communication.

Final information, respecting the Lodges mentioned, as having been created by the Names of Union & Montgomery was referred over to the next quarterly Communication.

Motioned & Voted, That the Grand Master draft such Letter to the delinquent Lodges as shall in his opinion be the most efficacious, to obtain a payment of their dues or a Return of their Charters.

Motioned That the Grand Treasurer settle accompts with the Massachusetts Lodge, Voted accordingly.

Motioned & Voted that the Secretary write to Brother Boit for the Papers relative to Warren Lodge vrs Brother Symmes & receive his Report in what manner he has acted upon the Same.

Concluded unanimously that the Festival of St John is not to be celebrated.

It then pleased the most Worshipful to Close the Grand Lodge to the first Friday in March unless sooner convened by especial Summons. A true Record

GEO RICHARDS G Sec^r.

At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge held for quarterly Communications at the Bunch of Grapes State Street Boston March 2^d 5787 Friday Even'g.

Present

. . . . .	M. W. G. M.
John Lowell Esq	R. W. D. G. M.
Josiah Bartlett	S. G. W.
T. Edwards	J. G. W.
N Brailsford	S. G. D.
Brother Jones	J. G. D.
Wm Scollay	G. T.
Isaac Snow	G. S^r p Tempore.
. . . . .	G. Marshall
. . . . .	S. G. S^d
. . . . .	J G. S^d
. . . . .	P. G. M.
B. Frothingham	G. S. B^r
Calder, Newell, Starkweather	Brothers
Paul Revere Esqr	P. G. W.

The Grand Lodge being opened in due Masonick Form, & the Lodges called over by the Sec^y the following Lodges were represented,

Rising States, King Solomon, Wooster, Massachusetts, Friendship.

A Letter was received & read from John Cutler S. G. W and from Unity Lodge. Motioned & Voted that the Grand Treasurer & D. G. Master be a Committee to settle with Brother Nath Willis for printing.

Motioned that a Committee be appointed to confer with the other Grand Lodge in order if possible to obtain a Union among Masons, respecting the choice of a Grand Master.

Voted accordingly and

B John Warren
Paul Revere
Josiah Bartlett
[Thomas] Edwards
[W^m] Scollay

were appointed and ordered to Report at the adjournment. After which the Lodge was adjourned to 1st friday in April and the Sec-

retary is directed to issue Summons, to every Member requesting their attendance, & mentioning the business to be acted upon, respecting the book of Constitutions & the Union of the Lodges.

A true Record from the Minutes of Brother Isaac Snow G Secy p Tempore. Exam^d p Me

GEO RICHARDS G Sec^y.

C^r Rising States 12/

At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge held by especial summons At the bunch of Grapes State Street Boston April 6 5787 Friday Evening.

	Present.
. . . . .	R. W. G. Master
J. Lowell Esqr	R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Dr Bartlett	S. G. Warden
T. Edwards	J G Warden
. . . . .	S. G. Deacon
. . . . .	J. G. Deacon
Dr Scollay	G. Treasurer
G Richards	G Secretary
E. Parkman	G. Marshall
B Frothingham	G. S. Bearer
. . . . .	S. G. Steward
N. Brailsford	J. G. Steward
J. Warren	P. G. Master
P. Revere Esqr	P. G. Warden.
B. I. Snow	Wm Hawes
J. Dunkerly	— Calder.

The Grand Lodge being opened in due Masonick form, & the Lodges called over by the Sec^y when the following were represented,

Rising States, St Patrick, Wooster, King Solomon & Massachusetts.

a Return from Trinity Lodge Lancaster dated Jany 3^d 5787 was read, also a Letter from said Lodge, which after being read & duly Considered was ordered to be filed & answer made thereto by the following Committee, Brothers Warren, Lowell & Bartlett.

The Committee appointed to report, concerning the book of Constitutions did not prefer the same, as their Chairman was absent upon business.

Upon motion, to perfect a plan of union between the 2 Grand Lodges, as no official accounts were received from said Lodges, This Grand Lodge came to the following resolution, That a New Committee consisting of Seven be appointed to act in conjunction with the other Committee who were to form a plan of Union between the 2 Grand Lodges, & that said Committee write to the several Lodges holding under this Jurisdiction to obtain their Sentiments upon the subject either by Proxy or otherwaies & to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

Committee Nominated & Appointed,
Lowell, Edwards, Bartlett, Dexter, Scollay, Hayes, Whipple.

After which it pleased the Deputy Grand Master to Close the Grand Lodge till the first Friday in June.

A true Record

GEO. RICHARDS G. Secy.·.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge Convened by especial Summons Friday Evening April 27th 5787.

Present.

R. W. John Lowell	D. G. M.
Bartlett	Calder
Revere	Brailsford
Homans	Richards
Hawes	Dexter
Dunkerly	Jutau
Edwards	Snow
Scollay	Parkman.

The R. W. D. G. Master having informed the Lodge, that it had pleased the Supreme Architect to call from this transitory Life, the Most Worshipful Joseph Webb Esqr late Grand Master of Ancient Masons, in consequence of which Communication, the Grand Lodge came to the following Resolutions.

That Brother Bartlett be desired to draft an Advertisement proper for the occasion.

That Brothers Revere, Scollay & Dexter be a Committee to regulate the funeral procession.

That Brother Dexter be desired to write a Billet to Grand Modern Lodge & St Andrews requesting their attendance.

That Brother Dunkerly be appointed Assistant Grand Marshall.

& That the Committee be fully empowered to take all such measures as to them may appear Necessary, for the due Conducting of the funeral, in such honourable manner & decent Solemnity as is agreable to the Established Customs of Ancient Masons.

A true Record

GEO. RICHARDS
G Secry.

At a meeting of Massachusetts Grand Lodge at the Bunch of Grapes, Boston on Friday Evening the 1st June 5787.

Present.

Rt Worshipf John Lowell Esqr	D. G. M.
Br Bartlett	S. G. W.
Edwards	J. G. W.
Homans	S. G. D.
Brailsford	J. G. D.
Dunkerly	G. Secry P. Tem.

Bro Jutau,	[Bro] Newell	[Bro] Newell
Revere	Parkman	Whiting
Helme	Snow	Dexter
Harris	Kelder	Boit.

The Lodge being open'd in due form the following Lodges were Represented — Viz^{t}. Rising States, Trinity, King Solomons, Wooster & St Patricks.

A Billet of thanks from Mrs Webb to the Grand Lodge & other Lodges, that gave their attendance at the funeral of her late Husband, was read & ordered to be filed.

A Letter & Petition from Trinity Lodge was read Praying that their Stated Time of meeting might be altered, thereupon

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petition be granted.

The Lodge then proceeded to the choise of Grand Officers, for the Year ensuing, when the follow^{g} were chose

The most worshipful John Warren Esqr	G. M.
B^{r} Timothy Whiting	S. G. W.
" Thomas Edwards	J. G. W.
" Aaron Dexter	G. Trea^{s}
" Gabriel Helme	G. Secry
" Joseph Dunckerly	G. Marshal
" Benj^{a} Homans	S. G. D.
" Norton Brailsford	J. G. D.
" John Boit	G. Steward
" William Hawes	G. D.
" Benj Frothingham	G. S. B.

Voted That Brothers Revere, Edwards & Bartlett be a Comittee to settle with the former Treasurer.

Voted That the Installment of the Grand officers be on the 24th Inst^{a} at Charleston.

Voted That Brothers Kilder, Hawes & Brailsford be a Committee to form the manner of Installment.

Rec^{d} of Trinity Lodge in full to this time — 48/

G^{l} HELME G^{d} Secr'y.

At a meeting of Massachusetts Grand Lodge held by adjournment, in Charleston on Friday 24th June 5787.

Present.

John Lowell Esq.	D. G. M.
Josiah Bartlett	S. G. W.
Willm Calder	J. G. W.
Gabriel Helme	G. Secry
Benj^{a} Homans	S. G. D.
Norton Brailsford	J. G. D.

Bro^{s} John Warren	Bro^{s} Snow
Wm Hawes	Paul Revere
Jos. Dunkerly	Jno Jutau.
Simon Elliott J^{r}	

Elias Parkman, Peter R. Dutton, Donnett, Bell, Rumriel, Eaton, Borie, Edmonds, Goodwin, Atkins, Tassy, Morell, Howe, Stoddard, & Hunt.

Voted, That the Grand Officers elect, be installed.

The D. G. Master, installed John Warren Esq. & declared him Grand Master of Ancient Masons for this Commonwealth. The G^d Officers elect was installed by the G^d Master in the usual manner.

The Grand Master appointed John Lowell Esq. to be his Deputy, & invested him with the Badge of Office.

Brother Frothingham having declined the Office of Grand Sword Bearer, Brother Simon Elliott Jun. was chosen, & installed. Brother Jones was chosen & invested with the Badge of a Grand Tyler.

The Grand Master closed theLodge, untill Friday the Sixth [of] July next.

G^l HELME G^d Secr'y.

At a Meeting [of] Massachusetts Grand Lodge, at the Bunch of Grapes, Boston Friday Sep^t 7. 5787 in Ample Form.

Present.

M : Worshipfull	John Warren	G : M.
	John Lowell	D. G. M.
	T. Whiting	S. G. W.
	Gabriel Helme	G. S.
	Norton Brailsford	S. G. D.
	Simon Elliott J^r	G. S. B.
	J. Dunkerly,	G. M.
	Wm Hawes	G. Stew^d

Lodges Represented.

Rising States, Trinity, St Patrick, Wooster.

A Letter from St Patrick Lodge was Read & Order'd to be filed.

A Letter from B : T : Edwards was Read, in which he Begs to be Excused as J. G. W.

Voted That B : T : Edwards be Excused from Serving as J. G. W.

A Letter from J. B. Smith D. G. Master Pennsylvania Lodge, Requesting information (if any could be given) of a Warrant granted to the Officers of the 17th Brittish Regiment of Foot supposed to be lost within the United States.

Voted, That Brother Whiting & Dunkerly State such facts, as they are possesed of & deliver the Same to the Grand Master. A Return from the Hampshire Lodge, of their choice of Officers for Year ensuing was Read — Also a Vote of Said Lodge, that the Names of Daniel Shays, Luke Day, and Elijah Day, who are Members of that Lodge, to be transmitted to the G^d Lodge, to be recorded with Infamy in consequence of their Conduct in the late Rebellion.

Voted That the G. S. write to the Respective Lodges under this Jurisdiction informing them of the Vote.

The G. Secre^{y} (Bro^{r} Helme) informed the Grand Lodge that he intended leaving America in a few days.

Voted. That the G. Lodge proceed to the choice of a G. Secre^{y}.

Bro^{r} Jno Jackson was Unanimously chosen G. Sec^{y}.

Upon motion of B^{r} Revere, That the G : Lodge give Bro^{r} Helme (past G : S :) a Letter of Recommendation.

Voted, That Such a Letter be given Bro : Helme.

Upon Motion of Bro^{r} Revere, That a Committee be chosen to Assist the G : S : in Collecting the Dues & devising means to obtain a better Representation in Grand Lodge.

Voted That a Committee of three be chosen.

Bro^{s} Revere, Eliott, & Boit were accordingly chosen for that purpose.

The Grand Master was then pleased to close the Grand Lodge, till first Friday in Decr next, unless Sooner Convened on Special Occasion.

JN^{O} JACKSON G : Secre^{y}.

Massachusetts Grand Lodge, Assembled in Ample Form and on Special Occasion at the Bunch of Grapes Tuesday Evening Sep^{t} 18th 5787.

Present.

M. W. John Warren	G : Master.		
John Jutau	S : G : W : Pro Tem.		
Benj^{a} Homans	J : G : W	D^{o}	
Norton Brailsford	S. G. D.	D^{o}	
Wm Hawes	J : G : D.	D^{o}	
Jno Jackson	G. Sec^{y}		

Grand Lodge being Opened with the Usual Solemnity. A Petition presented by Wm Little, Signed Wm Judd and others, accompanied by a Recommendation of a Regular Lodge Signed by the Master, Wardens & Sec^{y} was Read, Praying to be Constituted a Regular Lodge by the Name of Columbia, and to be Vested with Powers and Authorities usually granted in Charters of Dispensation. The same being debated and fully Considered — Voted that a Charter of Dispensation be granted — leaving the Name of said Lodge blank. The Name of Columbia having been already granted to a former Lodge. Also Voted, that "the Master and Wardens for the time being" as expressed in the Charters be dealed, [stricken out] and the Words, "On penalty of forfeiture of this Charter" be inserted. It then pleased the Grand Master to Close this Grand Lodge till the first Friday in Decr unless sooner Convened on Special Occasion.

JN^{O} JACKSON G : Sec^{y}.

NB : The Charter being Completed and delivered to Mr Wm Little. The blank was filled up with Frederick Lodge N° 26.

Cash Rec^{d} of Mr Little four Pounds four Shillings for said Charter and paid as follows	£ 4 ,, 4 ,, —
p^{d} G Treasurer Brother Dexter	1 ,, 18 ,, —
d^{o} for Printing Summons's	,, 18 ,, —
d^{o} for Sec^{y} fees 14/ d^{o} for writing the Same 8/. .	1 ,, 2 ,, —
d^{o} for Tiler fee	,, 6 —
NB Vila's Bill p^{d} by Bro: Little	£ 4 ,, 4 ,, —

JN^{o} JACKSON G. Sec^{y}.

Massachusetts Grand Lodge Assembled in Ample form, for Quarterly Communication, Friday Evening Decr 7, 5787 at the Bunch of Grapes.

Present.

M: W: John Warren	G: Master.
R: W: John Lowell	D: G: Master.
Dr: Josiah Bartlett	S: G: W: Pro Tem.
Wm Calder	J: G: W. D^{o}
Aaron Dexter	S: G: D: D^{o}
Norton Brailsford	J: G: D.
Jno Jackson	G: Sec^{y}
Jno Jutau	P: M.

Grand Lodge being Opened in Masonick Order, And the Respective Lodges being called over by the Sec^{y} the following Lodges were Represented,

Viz. Rising Sun, Hampshire, United States, Wooster, King Solomon.

Upon Motion, Voted

That Bro^{r} Dexter G: T: be Requested as Speedy as Possible to Settle the Acc^{ts} between the late Massachusetts Lodge and the Massachusetts G: Lodge, And Also to Settle the Acc^{t} of Bro^{r} Doct: Whipple. Upon Motion:

Voted, That the Sec^{y} call upon the Committee Appointed to Settle the Acc^{ts} of the late G: Treasurer, and desire them to proceed upon (if not already done) the Business of their Commission, and Report at the Next quarterly Communication.

It was then the M: W: Grand Masters direction that this G: Lodge be now Closed untill the first Friday in March, unless sooner convened by Special Summons.

JN^{o} JACKSON G: Sec^{y}.

Vila's Bill not paid.
N.B. A Petition Signed Peter Smink
& others was Read, and Ordered to be filed.

At a Meeting of Massachusetts Grand Lodge, held in Ample Form & on Special Occasion, at the Bunch of Grapes, Friday Evening Feby 22 5788.

Present.

Most Worshipfull John Warren Esqr	G : M.
Right Worshipfull John Lowell Esq.	D : G : M.
Paul Revere Esq :	S : G : W : Pro Tem.
Jno Jutau Esq :	J : G : W. D^{o}
William Hawes, Jno Boit	G : Stewards.

Benj^{a} Homans, Norton Brailsford.

On Petition from Brother Moore and others, Members of Vermont Lodge N° 17.

Voted, That, that Part of the Prayer of said Petition, which Requests an Alteration in their Charter, could not consistently with Propriety be granted.

Voted, That the Petition for a New Charter for a Lodge to be held, in the Town of Charlestown in the State of New Hampshire be Granted, and said Charter is Granted accordingly.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge so far Comply with that Part of the Petition, requesting this Grand Lodge to legalize their proceedings in the Town of Charlestown (in which place it appears the said Lodge has, Contrary to the Letter of the Charter, which was given for holding in Springfield, State of Vermont, ever since the Erection thereof Assembled) As to acknowledge and Receive such Masons, as have been made by them, to be free & Accepted Masons.

The Grand Lodge was then Closed, untill the first Friday in March.

JN^{o} JACKSON G : Sec^{y}.

paid Vila's Bill 14/	Rec^{d} the Amount of Moore's note of hand £ 2 ,, 16/
D^{o} G : Tiler 6/	
Rec^{d} Moore's note of Hand for Charter £ 2 ,, 16/	G : Treas^{r} paid G. Sec^{y} on Acct : his Salary £ 2 ,, 16/

At a Meeting of Massachusetts Grand Lodge, in Ample form at the Bunch of Grapes, Friday Evening March 7th 5788.

Present.

M : W : Jno Warren Esq :	G : M.
Bro^{rs} Tim^{o} Whiting jun^{r}	S : G : W.
Josiah Bartlett	J. G. W. Pro Temp.
Benj^{a} Homans	S : G : D. D^{o}
Norton Brailsford	J : G : D.
Aaron Dexter	G : T :
Jno Jackson	G : S :
Jno Boit	G : Stew^{d}
Paul Revere	Thomas Edwards
Michael Newhall	Benj^{a} Frothingham
Jno Jutau	Wm Scollay.

Grand Lodge being Opened and the Respective Lodges called over by the Sec^{y} the following were Represented, — Massachusetts,

United States, Wooster, Rising States, King Solomon, Trinity and St Patricks.

Voted, That the G : Treasurer pay Bro : Willis for Printing Pamphlets & Summonses Agreable to his Acco^t exhibited £ 4 ,, 16.

Voted. That, A Committee of three be raised to consider the Letter, Memorial, and Protest of Lodge N° 40, City of Charlestown S° Carolina on the Registry of Pensylvania to the Grand Lodge of that Commonwealth & Report at the next quarterly Communication, Bro^rs Edwards, Bartlett and Boit were Unanimously chosen for that Purpose.

A Petition of Geo. Shinetts & others, with the Letter presented last quarterly Communication is Unanimously ordered to be dismised, in Consequence of Coming from Persons not Known to be Masons.

Voted, That A Committee of five be raised (Bro^rs Revere, Dexter, Bartlett, Edwards & Jackson were chosen) to consider the present State of the G^d Lodge, that they be strictly enjoined without delay to report to the Grand Master such Lodges as in their Opinion have been delinquent, That the Grand Master be Requested to inform the Officers of such Lodges, that unless they are represented at the next quarterly Communication in June, and Sufficient Reasons are given, Why their Dues have not been paid, And Why they have not been Represented, their Lodges will be Erased from the Grand Lodge Books, and they no longer Considered as Regular Societies of Free & Accepted Masons, under this Jurisdiction.

Voted, That the Grand Master be desired to inclose this Vote to such Lodge as may be Written to on the Subject.

N.B. Received of Trinity Lodge in full for their Quarterages 36/ and paid the G^d Treasurer } JN° JACKSON G^d Sec^y.

Grand Lodge was then Closed untill the 1st Friday in June unless called together by Special Summons. Return of Officers for Trinity Lodge filed.

Massachusetts Grand Lodge Assembled in Ample Form, Friday Even^g 6th June 5788 at the bunch of Grapes.

Present.

M : W :	John Warren Esqr	G : M.
R : W :	John Lowell Esqr	D : G : M.
	Timothy Whiting jun. Esq.	S : G : W.
	Thomas Edwards Esq :	J : G : W. Pro Temp
	Paul Revere Esqr :	S : G. D d°
	Newton Brailsford,	J : G : D.
	Aaron Dexter	G : Treas^r
	Jn° Jackson	G : Sec^y
	William Hawes	G : Stew^d

William Scollay,		Samuel Swan,
John Jutau,	Brig: Genl:	Elisha Porter,
Isaac Snow,		Benj^{a} Frothingham,
William Little,		William Calder,
Josiah Bartlett,		Michael Newhall.

Grand Lodge being Opened agreably to the Direction of the Most Worshipfull, and the Lodges being Called Over by the Sec^{y} the following were Represented, Rising States, Massachusetts, Trinity, St Patrick, Wooster, King Solomon, Hampshire, Frederick.

A Petition of Stephen Keyes of North Star Lodge was Read, and Referred to the next quarterly Communication.

A Letter from Eldad Lewis was Read, and Referred to the next Communication.

On motion, Voted unanimously, That Essex, Amity, United States, Unity, St Peters, and Tyrian Lodges be Erased from the Grand Lodge Books agreably to the Resolution of the last quarterly Communication . . . Voted Unam^{y}, That there be a Committee of three (Brothers Edwards, Dexter & Scollay were chosen) to write to the several Lodges and inform them, that they are accordingly Erased from the Grand Lodge books.

Voted Unan^{y}, That the further Consideration of the delinquent Lodges be Referred to the next Meeting of the Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge proceeded to the Choice of Grand Officers for the ensuing Year, When the following were chosen, M: W: John Warren Esq: G: M who declined accepting the choice. Whereupon the M: W: M: M: Hays Esq: was Unanimously chosen G: M. and being informed of the choice by a Respectable Committee he testified his Acceptance of the Same.

Doct Josiah Bartlett	S: G: W.
Brig: Genl Elisha Porter	J: G: W.
Doct: Aaron Dexter	G: Treas^{r}
John Jackson	G: Sec^{y}
William Calder	S: G: D.
Norton Brailsford	J: G: D.
William Hawes, John Boit	Grand Stewards.
Benj^{a} Frothingham	G: Sw^{d} Bea.
Josiah Waters,	G: Marshall.

On Motion, Voted Unan^{y}, That the Thanks of this G: Lodge be presented to the M: Worshipfull John Warren, Esqr G: M. for his Faithfull and Unremitted Services Render'd the Grand Lodge. A Vote of Thanks was also presented to Timothy Whiting jun^{r} Esqr S: G: W:

Tuesday the 24 Instant was by Unanimous Consent appointed for the installation of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year at Bunch of Grapes, 6 o Clock P: M.

Return of Officers for King Solomon's Lodge filed D° North Star, D°	Received of Bro^r Edwards Proxy for Rising States 20/ and paid the G : Treas^r.

JN° JACKSON G : S.^y

Massachusetts Grand Lodge Assembled in Ample Form, July 24th 5788 at Charlestown for Installation of Grand Officers for the Year Ensuing.

Present.

Most W : John Warren Esqr
Right W : William Scollay Esqr } G : Wardens.
Right W. Josiah Bartlett Esqr }
Aaron Dexter Esqr
Doct : Whipple
Paul Revere Esqr

Grand Lodge being opened in Masonick Order, the following Lodges were Represented,

Rising States, Massachusetts, Warren, St Patrick, King Solomon, Rising Sun.

On Motion, Voted, to reconsider the Vote of the last Grand Lodge for the Installation of G^d Officers at the Bunch of Grapes & to proceed on that Business at this place. Whereupon the following Grand Officers Elect, were Installed and Invested with their Respective Badges of Office in Ample Form.

Most W : M : M : Hayes Esqr	G^d Master.
Right W : Josiah Bartlett Esqr	S : G : W.
William Scollay Esqr	J : G : W. (proxy)
John S. Tyler Esqr (proxy)	G : Sec^y
Doct : Aaron Dexter	G. Treas^r
Wm Calder Esqr	S : G : D.
Norton Brailsford Esqr	J : G : D.
Josiah Waters Esqr	G : Marshall.
John Boit, Wm Hawes } Esq^rs	G : Stewards.
Benj^a Frothingham	G : S : Bearer.
Jones	G : Tiler.

The Most Worshipfull Grand Master then declared his Will and Pleasure, that Perez Morton Esqr be Deputy G^d Master the Year ensuing.

It then pleased the M : Worshipfull to close the G^d Lodge, till the first Friday in Sep^t.

JN° JACKSON G : Sec^y.

Massachusetts Grand Lodge Assembled in Ample Form, Friday Even^g Sep^t 5, 5788 at the Bunch of Grapes.

Present.

M : W : M : M : Hays	G : M.
R : W : Paul Revere	S : G : W : (Pro Temp^r)

R : W : William Scollay,	J : G : W (Pro Temp^{r})
William Calder	S : G : D.
Norton Brailsford	J : G : D.
Doct : Aaron Dexter	G : T.
Jno Jackson	G : Sec^{y}
William Hawes	G : Stew^{d}
Benj^{a} Frothingham	G : S : B.
Isaac Snow,	Saml Bradford,
William Little,	Benj^{a} Homans.
Jon^{a} Freeman	

Grand Lodge being opened in due form & the Lodges Called over by the Sec^{y} the following were Represented. Rising States by Br^{o} Revere, Massachusetts by Br^{o} Scollay, St Patricks by Br^{o} Hawes, Wooster by Br^{o} Brailsford, King Solomon by Br^{o} Snow, Frederick by Br^{o} Little.

On Motion, Voted, that a Committee of three be appointed with full power to adjust, commute and finally Settle Accounts with the several Lodges under this jurisdiction. Bro^{rs} Revere, Dexter & Bradford were accordingly chosen.

Voted, that a Committee of one be appointed to inspect the G : Lodge chest & See the same put in Order. Bro^{r} Homans was chosen for that Purpose.

Voted, that a Committee of three be appointed (Bro^{rs} Revere, Bradford & Freeman were chosen) to write to some Brother, who is, or hath been an Officer in any of the Several Lodges, which were lately struck out of the G : L : Books, requesting them to use their influence that the Charter of their Lodge be returned before the next quarterly Communication, and to let them know — that if their Request is not Complied with, the Grand Lodge will write to the G : Lodges in the thirteen States, acquainting them with their doings & transmit the names of all their Members.

Voted, that a Committee of three be raised (Bro^{s} Little, Scollay and Snow were chosen) to examine the Acc^{ts} of the Secre^{y} & Treasurer & Report at the next quarterly Communication. Return of Officers for Massachusetts & King Solomons Lodges filed.

On Motion, Voted, that the Resolve appointing a Committee to write, to the *Several Lodges* under this jurisdiction be reconsidered, & that the Same Committee be appointed to write *to all* the Lodges, acquainting them with the proceedings of the G : Lodge, in Erasing from their Books, the names of delinquent Lodges.

The Business being finished, the G : Lodge Closed in perfect Harmony, till the first Friday in Dec : unless convened on Emergency.

M M Hays	G^{d} Master.
Paul Revere	G. W. pro tem.
W. Scollay	G. W. pro tem.
Norton Brailsford	J. D.
Jno Jackson	G : Sec^{y}

Willm Calder,	William Hawes,
Benj^{a} Frothingham,	Isaac Snow,
Saml Bradford,	Wm Little.
Jon^{a} Freeman jun^{r}	

[This record bears the Autograph Signatures of the Brethren above named.]

Massachusetts Grand Lodge, Assembled in Ample Form, (being quarterly Communication) Friday Even^{g} Decem^{r} 5, 5788.

Present.

R. W. Josiah Bartlett	G. M. Pro. Tem:
R. W. John Lowell	P. D. G. M.
R. W. Elisha Porter	S. G. W. Pro. Tem.
R. W. Willm Scollay	J. G. W. d°
Aaron Dexter	G. T.
Samuel Bradford	G. S. Pro. tem.
William Calder	S. G. D.
William Little	J. G. D Pro. Tem.
Samuel Cabot	G. S d°
William Hawes	G. S.
R. W. Isaac Snow	
Samuel W. Hunt	
Benj. Homans.	

Grand Lodge being opened in due form, & the Lodges call'd over, the following were represented, Massachusetts, Bro. Scollay, Hampshire Bro. Porter, Warren Bro. Hunt, St Patrick B. Homans, King Solomon Bro Snow, Frederick Bro. Little, Rising Sun Bro. Dexter.

A Certificate from R. W. E. Porter, Master of Hampshire Lodge, appointing Bro. S. Hunt, the Proxy of s^{d} Lodge was filed.

Voted, "that the several Committees appointed at the last Communication be enjoined immediately to comply with the Objects of their Commission & to report at the Adjournment."

The Committee for Commuting & finally settling Acc^{t} with the delinquent Lodges, reported, that they had settled with Friendship Lodge to June 1788. for the Sum of £4 . 4 . — & that they had settled with Massa. Lodge for the sum of £9 . 3 . 9 (to Sepr 5788).

The above reports were accepted by the Grand Lodge.

Voted, that the Committee appointed Novr 3, 1786, to consider the proposed Book of Constitutions & Regulations for the Grand Lodge be enjoined to report, & return the Papers in their Possession at the Adjournment.

Voted, that the Grand Lodge be adjourned to the first Friday in January, & the Grand Secretary is directed to issue Summons's accordingly.

Josiah Bartlett as	Gd Master.
E Porter	S. W. Pro. tem:
W Scollay	J. W. P. Tem.

Willm Calder	S. D.
William Little	J. D.
A. Dexter	G. T.
Willm Hawes	G. S.
Saml Bradford	G. S. P. T.
Sam Cabot	G. S. P. T.
Isaac Snow,	Sam^{ll} W. Hunt.
John Lowell,	Benj^{a} Homans.

[This record bears the Autograph Signatures of the Brethren above named.]

Massachusetts. Grand Lodge, Assembled on Special Occasion at the Bunch of Grapes, Friday Even^{g} Decr 18, 5788.

Present.

M: W : M : M : Hays,	G : M.
R : W : John Lowell	P : D : G : M.
R : W : Josiah Bartlett	S : G : W.
R : W : William Scollay	J : G : W : P : T.
R. W. Paul Revere	
Aaron Dexter	G : T.
Jno Jackson	G : S.
Saml Cabot	W : Fred : Lodge,
Saml W : Hunt	Proxy Warren Lodge.

Grand Lodge being Opened in Form, proceeded to Business, When Bro : Lowell in behalf of Davenport Phelps presented a Petition Signed Beza Woodward and others, praying for a Charter of Dispensation, for a Lodge to be Established at Hanover, in the state of N : Hampshire under the Title and Designation of Dartmouth Lodge.

On Motion of Bro^{r} Revere — Voted, that a Committee of Five be appointed, Bro^{rs} Revere, Scollay, Cabot, Dexter & Hunt were chosen, to Examine into the Business. The Committee having proceeded on the Subject, reported the Propriety of a Charter being Granted, Agreably to the Prayer of the Petition — provided the Fees and Charges are paid down. A Charter was accordingly granted.

Received of Bro^{r} Davenport Phelps 3 Guineas for said Charter, and Paid as follows

	Cash p^{d} Dexter G : T :	2 ,, 16 —
N.B : Vilas Bill paid — 9/.	d^{o} Sec^{ys} fees	14 —
	d^{o} Writing Charter	8 —
	d^{o} Tilers fees	6 —
		£4 . 4 —

JN^{O} JACKSON G : Sec^{y}.

Massachusetts Grand Lodge, Assembled in Ample Form (being Adjournment) at the Bunch of Grapes Boston Jany 7, 5789.

Present.

M: W:	M: M: Hays	G: M.
R: W:	Wm Scollay	S: G: W: Pro: Tem.
	Wm Calder	J: G: W: d^o
	Norton Brailsford	S: G: D Pro: Tem.
	Amos Lincoln	J: G: D d^o
Doct^t	Jno Warren	P: G: M.
R: W:	Jno Lowell	P: D: G: M.
	Aaron Dexter	G: T.
	Jno Jackson	G: S:^y
	Benj^a Frothingham	G: S: Bea^r

R: W: Isaac Snow
Benj^a Homans
Jon^a Freeman

Saml W: Hunt
Saml Bradford.

Grand Lodge being Opened in Masonick order & the Respective Lodges called over by the Sec^y the following Lodges were represented, viz: Rising States by Bro^r Brailsford, Massachusetts by Bro^r Scollay, Warren by Bro^r Hunt, St Patricks by Bro^r Homans, Wooster by Bro^r Brailsford, King Solomon by Bro^r Snow, Hampshire by Bro^r Hunt, Frederick by Bro^r Freeman.

The Committee on the Book of Constitutions reported, and ordered to lie on the Table, till the 3^d quarterly Communication.

A Certificate presented by Bro^r Saml W: Hunt. proxy for Warren Lodge, appointed Bro^r Danl Sargent jun: as Senr W: which was accepted by the G: L: & ordered to be filed. B: Homans reported — that B: Morton & Jutau presented to the G: L: their Collars.

Whereupon Voted, That the thanks of the G: Lodge be presented to those Gent: by B: Homans.

On Motion, Voted — That the G: T: pay B: Lowell £2. 8/ for his collar, & that it become the property of the G: Lodge.

On Motion, Voted — that B: Homans be directed to procure 1 doz: Aprons for the use of the G: L: & the G: T: be requested to pay for the same. Voted, that B: Calder's polite Offer of putting the Columns in Complete Order, be Accepted & that they be delivered for that purpose.

G: Lodge was then closed by the M: W: Grand Master's Direction till the first Friday in March, unless sooner convened on Emergency. Mass: Lodge paid 12/

M. M. Hays	G^d M^r	Sam W Hunt
John Warren	P. G. M.	Benj^a Homans
Jno Jackson	G: Sec^y	Willm Calder
A Dexter	G. T.	Jon^a Freeman j^r
W Scollay		Norton Brailsford
Saml Bradford		Isaac Snow
Benj^a Frothingham		Amos Lincoln.

[This record bears the Autograph Signatures of the Brethren above named.]

Massachusetts Grand Lodge Assembled on Special occasion at the bunch of Grapes — Boston Monday Feby 16. 5789.

Present.

M: W: M: M: Hays	G: M.
R: W: Josiah Bartlett	S: G: W.
R: W: Wm Scollay	J: G: W: P: Temp:
Wm Calder	S: G: D.
Norton Brailsford	J: G: D.
Jno Jackson	G: Sec^{y}
Benj^{a} Frothingham	G: S: bearer.
Benj^{a} Homans.	Jon^{a} Freeman
Saml Cabot	W^{m}Hawes.
Saml W. Hunt.	

A Deputation from Mass^{ts} Lodge, consisting of the R: W: Master Bro^{r} Scollay, S: W: P. T. Bro^{r} Bradford, J: W: P. T. Bro^{r} Freeman Earnestly requesting this G: Lodge, that the ceremonies of Masonry be observed at the Funeral of our deceased Bro: John Welsh jun^{r} late G: Sec^{y} and Sec^{y} to Mass: Lodge, Whereupon Voted, that Bro^{r} Welsh be Buried with the Honours of Masonry, and under the Direction of this G: Lodge. On Motion Voted — that a Committee of three (Bro: Scollay, Bartlett & Freeman) be chosen to conduct the Procession. And that the same Committee be requested to invite the Modern G: Lodge, under the Direction of the R: W: Bro: Cutler. Also Voted, That the same Committee make application to the Gen^{t} Selectmen, for the use of Fanueil Hall on the Solemn Occasion. Adjourned till the 1st Friday in March.

JN^{O} JACKSON G: Sec^{y}.

Massachusets Grand Lodge Assembled in Ample Form (being quarterly communication) Friday Even^{g} March 6, 5789.

Present.

M: W: M: M: Hays.	G: M.
R: W: Josiah Bartlett	S: G: W.
R: W: Wm Scollay	S: G: W. P: T.
Wm Calder	S: G: D.
Norton Brailsford	J: G: D.
Aaron Dexter	G: Treas^{r}:
Jno Jackson	G: Sec^{y}
Wm Hawes & Jno Boit	G: Stew^{ds}
Benj^{a} Frothingham	G: S: Bea^{r}:
Josiah Waters	G: Mars^{l}
Jno Warren	P: G: M.
Jno Lowell	P: D: G: M.

R : W : Isaac Snow,
Thos Edwards,
Jno Jutau,
Saml Bradford,
Wm Little,
Amos Lincoln,
Saml Cabot.

Grand Lodge being opened in due form & the respective Lodges called over by the Secy the followg were represented viz : — Rising States by Bro : Brailsford — Massttts by Bro : Scollay — St Patricks by Bro : Hawes, Wooster by Bro : Brailsford, King Solomons by Bro : Snow — Frederick by Bro : Little.

Report on the book of Constitutions taken up & debated agreable to the order of the last Communication. Whereupon Voted, That all the Papers relative to the sd report be referred to some future day. On Motion, Voted, That a Committee be appointed to inspect the regulations of the G : Lodge & Report immediately. Voted that the Committee consist of five — Bro : Bartlett, Warren, Edwards, Dexter & Jutau were chosen, who reported several alterations, which being read by Paragraphs & fully debated, were accepted by the G : Lodge. — Ordered to be transcribed & laid before the G : Lodge at the G : Feast. The Charter of Essex Lodge is returned & Bro : Revere being possessed of the particulars, any Order respecting it, is ordered to be referred — On motion, Voted, that a new Charter be granted to the Rising States Lodge they paying the Customary fees & that they have Rank as they stand upon the books. — On Motion — Voted, That the M : Worsh G : Master, Bro : Scollay & Bradford be a Committee to Examine the Regalia of the G : Lodge & put the same in Order. It is requested, that the quartg due to the G : Lodge be discharged next quarterly Communication. Bro : Jutau presented to the G : Lodge 3 Candlesticks, 2 Wardens Wands, & 2 Balloting Boxes — Whereupon, Voted — That the Thanks of this G : Lodge be given to Bro : Jutau for his polite Present.

N.B. It is the M : Worspl Grand Masters Direction, that this G : Lodge be closed till the 1st Thursday in June, unless sooner convened on Emergency.

Mass : Lodge paid 12/.

M. M. Hays	Grd Master
Josiah Bartlett	Senr Grand Warden
W. Scollay	J G Warden P. T.
John Jutau	P. G. Wd
Thos Edwards	P. G. W.
Willm Calder	S. D.
Norton Brailsford	J. D.
Aaron Dexter	G. T.
Jno Jackson	G : Secy
John Boit	G. S.
William Hawes	S. G. S
Benja Frothingham	G. S. B.

Isaac Snow	Amos Lincoln
Sam Cabot	John Lowell
Samuel Bradford	William Little.

[This record bears the Autograph Signatures of the Brethren above named.]

Grand Lodge Visitation to Massachusetts Lodge,
By Order of the
most worshipfull M : M : Hays Esqr Grand Master,

The Dep^{ty} G : Master, The Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary of Massachusetts Grand Lodge were summoned to attend the Visiting of Massachusetts Lodge, this Even^{g} March 9th 5789, precisely at 7 O Clock, being Massachusetts regular Lodge night.

Present.

M : Worship : M: M : Hays Esqr	G: Master.
R : W : Perez Morton Esq :	D: G : M.
R : W : Josiah Bartlett	S : G : W.
R : W : Isaac Snow	J : G : W : P : T.
Aaron Dexter	G: Treas^{r}
Jno Jackson	G: Sec^{y}
Josiah Waters	G: Marshall

Massachusetts Lodge, being duely Assembled in their Lodge Room — The Grand Officers in the Antichamber — The Grand Master directed the G^{d} Marshall to Announce the approach of the G^{d} Officers, which being done, The doors of the Mass : Lodge were thrown open, and the Grand Officers entered in Form, (proceeded by the Deacons and Stewards of Mass : Lodge with their Wands), and took their Places in due Order.

The Grand Master having taken the chair & Hiram called profound silence — then proceeded to Open G : Lodge, which being done, The G^{d} Master conformable to the Usual Rules & Regulations, desired the Inspection of the Records & Bye-Laws of the Lodge, which being Examined were found in perfect good Order. By the request of the G^{d} Master, the worshipfull Bro : W : Scollay, Master of the Mass : Lodge proceeded to Lecture the Lodge, which was done in a Masterly Manner. The G^{d} Master then Addressed the Lodge in these Words. "It gives me great pleasure Brethren "to find here so Respectable a Lodge, and that pleasure is greatly "increased by the Expert abilities and Knowledge you discover "in our Sublime Science. You Possess fully the Rudiments of "the Craft, and a Steady perseverance of the pursuits you have "already made, will enable you perfectly to Understand the Ori-"gin, Design and Use of the Society, and will Compensate you "in the full price of your Travel and Industry. Masonry has Suf-"fered much by imprudent and Unfaithfull Brethren. Permit me, "therefore, My Dear Brethren, to recommend to you great Cau-"tion and Care in the choice of the Persons, whom you wish to "Adorn with the Formidable appellation And Affection of Brother

"and Friend. Worshipfull Master & Wardens, I leave this "Lodge under your Patronage And Care, and under your Protec- "tion & Instruction. I flatter myself that they will as in their "Numbers shine As so many Brilliant Stars in the highest "Heavens, where they will receive the reward of their Merit. "You will most Worshipfull please to Direct your Secr^y to tran- "scribe from your Records, a Compleat list of the Names of the "Officers & Members of your Lodge, As well As the Names of "those, whom you have brought from the Veil of Darkness, thro' "the Current Year, and you will please to Transmit the same to "the G^d Lodge at their Next quarterly Communication, that they "may be Registered in the Grand Lodge Books, agreable to our "Ancient Usage."

The Right worshipfull Master of Massachusetts Lodge then arose, and made the following Reply:

"Most worshipfull Grand Master, Permit me Sir, to return "you the thanks of Mass^tts Lodge & in their Name to Assure you "we feel gratefull for this Testimony of the Love & Affection of "the Grand Lodge; under its benign influence And Direction con- "formable to the Constitutions of Masonry, and a steady perse- "verance in pursuit of the Original design of our Glorious "Institution, we expect to increase in WISDOM, STRENGTH and "BEAUTY, and we flatter ourselves by a strict Observance of "ORDER, HARMONY & PROPORTION in our great work, we shall "become proficients therein, which will fully Compensate us for "our Travel and Industry. Agreable to your directions, a list of "the Names of the Officers & Members of the Lodge, and the "Names of those who have been brought from the Veil of Dark- "ness, shall be transmitted to Grand Lodge at their next quarterly "Communication." * * * * * *

JN^o JACKSON G: Sec^y.

Grand Lodge visitation to King Solomons Lodge.

Present.

M: W: M: M: Hays Esqr	Grand Master.
R: W: Josiah Bartlett	S: G: W.
R: W: Wm Scollay	J: G: W. Pro: Tem.
Simon Eliott	G: Treas^r d^o
Jno Jackson	G: Sec^y
Josiah Waters	G^d Marshall.

King Solomons Lodge being Assembled in their Lodge Room, Warren Hall, at Charlestown, March 10th 5789, the Grand Lodge were introduced with the Usual ceremony, and took their places in Ample form. The Grand Master having Opened G^d Lodge made the following observation. "Brethren, It is the duty of the G: "Master & Wardens of the G: Lodge, annually to inspect & "Examine the Lodges under their jurisdiction, either by them- "selves or their Proxies, which Honor we now do ourselves, and

"wish to have the Perusal of your books & Records," which was accordingly done. The R: W: Bro: Snow Master of King Solomons Lodge then Gave a Lecture, which was Executed to the entire Approbation of the G: Lodge. The Grand Master then Addressed the Lodge in the words following.

"I am happy BRETHREN to find your Records in so good order, and am gratified in Viewing the Harmony & Union of the Fraternity so well maintained, Honor & Integrity are the Basis, that support the dignity of the Institution which I will venture to say will ever be the resemblance of this Lodge. I need not repeat to you Brethren, how much the Craft has been injured by the impropriety of unfaithfull Brethren. Suffer me therefore, if you please to recommend to You that great circonspection in the choice of those, whom you wish to Endow with the Appelation and Affection of brother. The Right worshipfull Master will Indulge me in reminding him, that this Lodge is under his Care and Guide, and from so flowing & stable a Source, I have Confidence the Society will Gather laurells of Virtue & Industry. In conformity to our Constitution & Regulations, you will please to direct your Secretary to transcribe from your Book an Exact list of the Names of your Officers and Members, as well as the names of the persons you have initiated in the Course of the Year, & when compleated, please to transmit them to the Grand lodge at their next quarterly Communication, that the same may be Registered in the Grand Lodge books according to Usage."

The Right worshipfull Master of King Solomons Lodge then arose, and in the Name of the Lodge Returned thanks for the Attention & Affection of the G^d Lodge, and were deeply impressed with this truth, that Honor and Integrity are the Basis, that support the Dignity of the Institution, and flatter themselves that their Conduct has been and will continue to be Governed by that Principle. Agreable to your Direction Sir, A List of the Names of the Officers & Members, as well as the Names of those, who have been Initiated the present Year, shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge.

JN^o JACKSON G: SEC^y.

Grand Lodge Visitation to the Rising States Lodge.

Present

M: W: M: M: Hays Esqr	G: Mast^r
R: W: Perez Morton Esqr	D: G: M.
R: W: Josiah Bartlett	S: G: W.
R: W: Wm Scollay	J: G: W
Aaron Dexter	G: Treas^r
Jno Jackson	G: Sec^y
Simon Eliot	G: Marshall.

The Rising States Lodge being Assembled in their Lodge Room, Stoddards Hall, March 30th 5789 — The Grand Lodge after the

Usual Ceremony, entered in Ample Form, and having taken their places, The G^d Master opened Grand Lodge & said, "Brethren, It is the duty of the G: Master & his Wardens annually to visit and Inspect the Lodges under this jurisdiction, either by themselves or their Proxies. We now do ourselves the Honor of such Visit, & Crave the favor of perusing your books & Records," which was accordingly done. The R: W: Brother Paul Revere Esq: Master of the Rising States Lodge then Gave a Lecture, which did them infinite Honor, and met the approbation of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master then Addressed the Lodge as follows—"Brethren, "I am Happy to find your Records so well Preserved, and am much "Gratified in Viewing the Harmony and Decorum of the Lodge. "Your steady Perseverance of such Cultivation will ever Reflect "Honor on the Craft. Suffer me BRETHREN to recommend to you the "Pursuit of Virtue & Morality, and to tell you, that you Cannot "be too Cautious in the choice of the Persons you initiate into "our Society, as nothing is more destructive of our laudable Motives, "than our being unfortunately deceived by unfaithfull Brethren. "The worshipfull Master will Permit me to remind him, that this "Lodge is placed into his Care, And under the Auspices of him and "his Officers, we have Confidence of Gathering laurells of Virtue "& Benevolence. You will direct your Secretary, if you please, to "transmit to Our Grand Lodge, at their next quarterly Communi-"cation, A List of the Names of your Officers & Members, as "well as the Names of the persons you have initiated in the "Course of the Year, so that the Same may be Registered in the "G^d Lodge Books."

The G^d Master having finished — The Right worshipfull Master of the Rising States Lodge then arose, and in the Name of the Lodge returned "thanks for the favor of this visit, and for this Mark of Love & Affection of the Grand Lodge. — It was a great addition to the pleasure of the Lodge, to find the Grand Master so much gratified, in viewing the Harmony & Decorum of the Lodge, And they presume to flatter themselves, that by a steady Perseverance of such Cultivation, and travelling in pursuit of Virtue And Morality, and being Circumspect As to the persons we admit into our Society; We shall Continue to merit the Approbation of the Grand Lodge. Agreable to your Direction Most worshipfull, A list of the Names of the Officers & Members, as well as the Names of those, who have been initiated the present Year, shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge."

JN^O JACKSON G: Sec^y.

Letter to Brother Elisha Porter. (Hadley)

Sir:

The Most worshipfull Grand Master for this Commonwealth, attended by his Grand Officers have visited the several Lodges in the Vicinity of Boston, Examined their Records, Charters &c., And being desirous, that the Respective Lodges under this Juris-

diction, should be visited in like manner by the proper Officer; The Grand Master directs me to inform you, that it is his Will and Pleasure that you proceed as soon as Convenient to Visit the lodges in your Vicinity — and you are hereby Vested with full Power and Authority to examine their Records, & Charter, and make a Report, at the next quarterly Communication in June, of the State of the Lodges, remarking their progress in the Masonick art, and pressing a punctual discharge of their dues, Also to Direct Secretary's of Lodges to return a list of their Officers respectively to the Grand Lodge.

By Order of M : M : Hays Esqr Grand Master.

Elisha Porter Esqr — JN^{o} JACKSON G : Sec^{y}.

Massachusetts Grand Lodge Assembled in Ample Form, (being quarterly Communication) Thursday Eve^{g} 4 June 5789 at the bunch of Grapes.

Present.

M : W : M : M : Hays Esq	G : Master.
R : W : Josiah Bartlett	S : G : W.
R : W : Wm Scollay	J : G : W.
Wm Calder	S : G : D.
Norton Brailsford	J : G : D.
Aaron Dexter	G : Treas :
Jno Jackson	G : Sec^{y}
Josiah Waters	G : Marshall
Benj^{a} Frothingham	G : S : bearer
John Lowell	P : D : G : M.
Paul Revere	Jno Jutau
Amos Lincoln	Mathew Clark
Israel Jones	Isaac Snow
Wm Little	Saml W. Hunt
Saml Swan	Benj^{a} Homans.

Grand Lodge being Opened in Form, and the Lodges called over by the Sec^{y} the following were represented, Rising States by Bro : Revere. Mass : Lodge by Bro : Scollay, Warren by Bro : Hunt, St Patrick by Bro : Homans, Wooster by Bro : Brailsford, King Solomon by Bro : Snow, Hampshire by Bro : Hunt, Friendship by Bro : Jones, Frederick by Bro : Little.

On Motion — Voted, That the Grand Lodge now proceed to the Choice of G^{d} Officers for the Year ensuing. On counting the Votes, it appeared that John Warren Esq : was Elected G : Master. Voted, that a Committee of three (Bro : Bartlett, Bradford & Jutau were chosen) wait on Bro : Warren & acquaint him of his Appointment to the Chair. The Committee proceeded, & Reported, that Bro^{r} Warren returned thanks for the Honor done him in this Choice — but his Situation in Bussiness necessarily Obliged him to decline Accepting it.

Whereupon the G : Lodge again proceeded to the Choice of a

Grand Master — and the M : W : M : M : Hays Esq : was Unanimously chosen G : Master. who was Pleased to accept the choice — then the following G^d Officers were chose for the Year ensuing — viz —

John Jutau	S : G : W.
Aaron Dexter	J : G : W.
Norton Brailsford	S : G : D.
Saml W : Hunt	J : T : D.
Wm Little	G : Greas :
Jno Jackson	G : Sec^y
Benj : Homans & Amos Lincoln	G : Stewards
Simon Eliot	G : Marshall.
Saml Bradford	G : Sword bearer.
John Jones	G : Tiler.

A Return of Officers & Members of Mass : Lodge, And persons made the Year past, presented by Bro : Scollay & Order'd to be recorded.

Voted — That the G : Sec^y write to the Respective Lodges in the Thirteen States & Acquaint them with their proceedings respecting the Lodges order'd to be Erased from the G : Lodge Books.

Voted, That a Committee of three be appointed to Adjust the Accounts of the Past G^d Treas : Bro^r Lowell, Scollay & Revere were chosen — Moved & Voted — That a Committee of three Assist the G : Sec^y in writing to the Several Lodges respect^g the Erased Lodges. Bro^r Little, Bradford & Swan was chosen.

The Petition of North Star Lodge, presented at the quarterly Communication in June 5788 was taken up & the G : Sec^y directed to write to them, requesting their Compliance with the Rules & Regulations of the G^d Lodge, previous to the prayer of their petition being Granted.

The Charter of Amity Lodge returned — was presented by Bro : Revere.

On Motion — Voted, That the G^d Lodge Celebrate the feast of St John the Baptist the 24 Ins^t.

Voted — That a Committee of five be raised to Conduct the Grand Feast — Bro : Hays, Bartlett, Revere, Bradford, & Scollay were accordinly Chosen. Grand Lodge then Adjourned till 24th of the present Month, to High twelve at Noon.

Mass : Lodge	p^d 12/	JN^O JACKSON G : Sec^y.
Rising States	p^d 13/4	
King Solomon	p^d in full to this time inclusive £ 7. 16/	

Return of the Officers of Massachusetts Lodge chosen May 11 5789 for the Year ensuing.

R : W :	Wm Scollay	Master
	Saml Bradford	S : W.
	Jon^a Freeman	J : W.

Jn° Harbach	Sec^{y}
Simon Eliott jun:	S: D.
Joseph Laughton	J: D.
John Boyle Saml Colesworthy	Stew^{ds}
Jn° Jones	Tiler.

Return of the Brethren, who have been Initiated in Massachusetts Lodge, the Year past.

July 1st	Samuel Quincy.	Feby 19	Saml Colesworthy
	John Brown Fitch		Henry Prentiss
Augt 7	Samuel Blagge.		Thomas French
	John Harbach		David Pearce jun^{r}
Sep^{t} 1st	Judah Hays	23	Benj^{a} Clarke Cutler
	Daniel Sargent jun:		Thomas English
	Elijah Williams	April 15.	John Rowe
Nov: 3^{d}	Fitch Hall		James Greene
Dec: 1st	James Vila	May 11.	Wm Bordman
5789			Saml Prince
Jany: 12	Jn° Gorham Rogers.		Saml Cabot.
	Isaac Davis		

By Order of the R: W: Master
Attest JN° HARBACH Sec^{y}.

Massachusetts Grand Lodge assembled in Ample form June 24th 5789 — at the bunch of Grapes Tavern to celebrate this Festival & for Installation of Grand Officers.

Voted — That we now proceed to consider the Amendments proposed by the Committee relative to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and the aforesaid Amendments were Unanimously adopted.

Voted, That a Committee of five be appointed to procure the printing of a book of Constitutions — provided it shall not be attended with Expence to the Grand Lodge; if however this cannot be Effected, then the present Regulations are to be printed for the Benefit of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge. The Committee appointed M: W: G: M: Bro: Hays, G: S: W: Bro: Bartlett, Bro: Revere, Bro: Scollay & Bro. Dexter. The Several Grand Officers chosen the present Year on Thursday Even^{g} 4 June were now Installed. The Grand Master then declared R: W: Bro: Perez Morton Esq: D: G: Master for the ensuing Year.

Voted, That Bro: Revere, Scollay & Bradford be a Committee to settle the late G: Treas^{r} Accounts & place them in the Hands of the New elected G: Treas^{r}.

The bussiness being Finished at 2 O'Clock The Feast was Celebrated in perfect Harmony.

JN° JACKSON G: Sec^{y}.

Massachusetts Grand Lodge Assembled in Ample Form Sep^{t} 3^{d} 5789 at the Bunch of Grapes.

Present.

M : W . M : M : Hays	G : Master
R : W : Thos Edwards	S : G : W : P : Temp :
R : W : Wm Scollay	J : G : W : d^{o}
Norton Brailsford	S : G : D.
Jno Jackson	G : Sec^{y}
Simon Elliot	G : Marshall,
Saml Bradford	G : S : Bearer.

Jno Lowell, Paul Revere & Amos Lincoln.

Grand Lodge being Opened and the Lodges called over by the Sec^{y} the following were Represented, Rising States by Bro: Revere, Mass. by Bro : Bradford, Wooster by Bro : Brailsford.

Voted, That a Committee of three be appointed (Bro : Revere, Lowell & Bradford were Chosen) to call on Bro : Brailsford in ten days for the Ballance due from Wooster Lodge, if not then Rec^{d} to wait on Bro : Ruggles proxy for Wooster Lodge.

Voted, That the G : Sec^{y} notify the several Committees to finish the Bussiness agreable to their Appointment & make a Report at the next quarterly Communication.

Grand Lodge closed till the first Thursday in Decr unless sooner Convened on Emergency.

JN^{o} JACKSON G : Sec^{y}.

Mass : Lodge p^{d} 12/ Quarterage

Mass^{tts} G^{d} Lodge Assembled in Ample Form December 4 5789 at Concert Hall.

Present.

M. W. Paul Revere	G. Master.
R. W. Jno Lowell	S. G. W. — P. T.
R. W. Jno Jutau	J. G. W. — P. T.
Norton Brailsford	S. G. D.
Saml W. Hunt.	J. G. D.
Simon Elliot	G. Sec^{y} P. T.
Homans, Amos Lincoln	Stewards
Saml Bradford	G. S. Bearer
Willm Little	
Thos Edwards.	

Grand Lodge being opened and the Lodges called over by the Sec^{y} The following were represented, Rising States by B^{r} Revere, Mass^{tts} B^{r} Bradford, Warren B^{r} Hunt, Wooster B^{r} Brailsford, Hampshire B^{r} Hunt, Frederick B^{r} Little.

Voted, That a Com^{tee} of two be appointed (M. W. Paul Revere, B^{r} Saml Bradford) to write to the Wooster Lodge & inclose their acc^{t} of the Bal^{a} due the Grand Lodge, at the same

time, to offer such a deduction as they may suppose the Funds of their Lodge may demand.

Voted — That a com^tee^ of three be appointed (B^rs^ Lowell, Bradford & Hunt) to wait on the G^d^ Master, & request him to call the Com^tee^ upon the Book of Constitutions together, so that the object of the Grand Lodge may be perfected. The Grand Lodge closed till the first Thursday in March unless sooner convened on some Emergency.

Rising States Lodge p^d^ 4 £10/ in full as p Adjustment of Committee of Acc^ts^ } & p^d^ Grand Treas^r^
Massachusetts Lodge p^d^ 12/
Trinity Lodge paid 30/

SIMON ELLIOT J^r^ G. S. P. T.

Massachusetts Grand Lodge assembled in Ample Form March 4th 5790 at Concert Hall.

Present.

M : W :	M : M : Hays	
R : W :	Wm Scollay	S : G : W : P : T.
R : W :	Wm Little	J : G : W : P : T.
R : W.	Paul Revere	S : G : D : P : T.
	Jno Jackson	G. Sec^y^
	Jno Warren	P : G : M.
	Amos : Lincoln	G : S :
	Simon Eliot	G : M.

The Lodges being called over by the Sec^y^ the following were Represented, Rising States by Bro : Revere — Massachusetts by Bro : Scollay.

Whereas in the Course of a dispute in the public papers, between Bro : Jno Jutau and Bro : Baury de Bellerive, the former S : G : W : of this G : Lodge And the latter a Member of a Lodge under this jurisdiction :

An imputation of Conduct highly unbecoming a Mason, has been bro^t^ against our said Bro^r^ Jutau, and it being the Duty of the G : Lodge not only to investigate the Misconduct of its Officers, and to Censure the guilty, but also in Case of false Accusation to Vindicate the Innocent, and to discountenance the Accuser ; it is therefore Voted — By the Grand Lodge That the said Bro^s^ John Jutau & Bro^r^ Baury de Bellerive be summoned to Attend an Inquiry into the charges above referr'd to, that such justice may be done to the party in fault As is Consistent with the Rules of Masonry, and the Dignity of the Craft. And it is further Voted, That the Grand Lodge be summon'd to Attend for the purposes aforesaid, at the Concert Hall on the first Friday in April next at 7 OClock P : M, and that Bro : Jutau & Bro : Baury be summon'd to Attend accordingly by the Sec^y^ serving them with a Copy of the Vote of the G : Lodge.

Business being finished, Grand Lodge Closed in due Form.

M. M. Hays G^d Master
John Warren P. G. M.

Trinity Lodge paid £3. 6/ in full for their quart^s to this date. } Paul Revere, W. Scollay, Wm Little,

Massachusetts Lodge p^d 12/ Simon Elliot, j^r
Amos Lincoln
Jno Jackson G : Sec^y.

[This record bears the Autograph Signatures of the Brethren above named.]

Massachusetts Grand Lodge Assembled in Ample Form & on Special occasion, April 2^d 1790 at Concert Hall.

Present.

M. W.	M. M. Hays	G : M.
R : W.	Paul Revere	S : G : W : P : T
R : W :	Wm Scollay	J : G : W : P : T.
	Norton Brailsford	S : G. D.
	Amos Lincoln	G : Stew^d
	Jno Jackson	G : Sec^y
	Simon Eliot	G : M.
	Saml Bradford	G : S : B.
	John Lowell	P : D : G : M.
R : W :	Elisha Porter	

Grand Lodge opened in due Form.

The Lodges being Called over by the Sec^y the following were Represented, Rising States by Bro : Revere — Massachusetts by Bro : Scollay — Wooster by Bro : Brailsford — Hampshire by Bro : Porter.

Agreably to the Vote at the meeting of the last G : Lodge — Proceeded to the investigation of an imputation of Conduct highly derogatory to the Principles of good Men & Masons, as Charged by Bro : Baury against Bro : Jutau — Bro : Baury being present — A Letter was Rec^d and Read from Bro : Jutau declining his Attendance this Eve^g. — Whereupon The G : Lodge —

Voted — That a Committee of two be appointed to wait on Bro : Jutau, Bro^rs Lowell & Bradford were accordingly Chosen to inform Bro : Jutau that the G : Lodge expected his Attendance at the Lodge now sitting. The Committee reported, that they had proceeded to Bro : Jutau's House, where they were informed that Bro : Jutau was not at Home — The G : Lodge then proceeded to make a full Enquiry into the Charge alledged against Bro : Jutau. Brother Baury affirmed that in the Year 73, 74, or 75, Bro : Jutau was Married in his Presence at Fort Dauphin to a Reputable young Lady Neice of —— that within a Year after Marriage he left his Wife & Child, that some time after, he Bro : B : arrived in this Town, and found that Bro : Jutau was again Married, And since

that period, he has seen Bro: Jutau's first Wife at Fort Dauphin aforesaid. — Bro: Olive at the Request of the G: Lodge Attended, and Corroborates the Assertion of B^r Baury to this Point — that he knew Jutau's Wife after that he had Married in this Country — So that two Wives were living at one and the same time, he adds also — that during his Residence in the W: Indies, Bro: Jutau wrote him a Letter, inclosing a Billet for his Wife, with this injunction, that if She Signed it, he Bro: O: was to pay her ten Johannes on Bro: J's Account — Bro: O: waited on Mrs Jutau with the Billet, and that she informed him, "that tho' she was very Poor, she wou'd not sign it" — So that he did not give her the Money — that he has since discover'd the Billet contained a proposition for a Divorce. Bro: O: lastly Adds that Mrs Jutau previous to her Marriage & untill her Husband deserted her, had supported a good Reputation — Bro: O: retired. The G: Lodge having maturely Considered the Declarations made by Brothers Baury and Olive are Unanimously of Opinion, that the Allegation bro^t against Bro: Jutau and Published in the Herald of Freedom of the — Day of December 1789 under the Signature of Baury de Bellerive as it Respects the point under Consideration viz: his (Bro: J) having two Wives at one & the same time is fully Established. Whereupon Voted, Unanimously that Bro: Jutau's Conduct is and has been highly derogatory to the laws of Morality Society and Honor, & diametrically Opposed to the Principles of Masonry.

Voted Unanimously — that Bro: Jutau's office as S: G: W: of this G: Lodge is hereby Vacated, and that he be no longer Considered a Member of the G: Lodge.

And Voted, that John Jutau's Name be Erased from the G: Lodge Books by the Sec^y thereof, and that Notice be Given of these proceedings to all the Lodges under this jurisdiction.

M. M Hays	Grand Master
John Lowell	P: D^y G^d M^r
Paul Revere	S: G: W: P: T.
W Scollay	J: G: W.
Norton Brailsford	S: G: D.
Jno Jackson	G: Sec^y
Saml Bradford	G: S: B.
Simon Elliot j^r	G. M.
Elisha Porter.	

At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge in Ample Form at Concert Hall — Thursday June 3^d 5790.

Present.

Most Worshipfull	M. M. Hays	G^d M^r
	John Lowell	P. D^y G. M^r.
	Josiah Bartlett	S. G. W. Pro. Tem.
	Will. Scollay	J. G. W. D^o
	Norton Brailsford	S. G. D.

Calder	J. G. D. Pro Tem.
Wm Little	G. T.
Amos Lincoln	G. S.
Saml Bradford	G. S. B.
Thos Edwards.	

The most worshipfull Gd Master produced a Letter from Bro. Jackson of New York inclosing two Resolves passed in the Grand Lodge of Georgia which were read; Whereon, Voted that a Comtee of five be appointed to take the Subject Matter of sd Letter & Resolves under Consideration & make report on the same at the next Meeting of the Gd Lodge.

M. M. Hays, A. Dexter, W. Scollay, Jos. Bartlett & Jno Warren were chosen a Committee. — The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the Choice of Gd Officers for the Year ensuing.

Bro. M. M. Hays, was chosen Grand Master

Josiah Bartlett	S. G. W. but was excused at his Request.

Thos Edwards was then chosen — who accepted.

Aaron Dexter . . .	J. G. W.
Willm Little	G. T.
Joseph Laughton . .	G. S.
Norton Brailsford . .	S. G. D.
Willm Calder	J. G. D.
Amos Lincoln, Benj Homans	G. Stewards
Saml Bradford	G. M.
Jon. Freeman	G. S. B.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to call upon the G. Secretary & receive certain Sums of Monies that He is possessed of belonging to the Grand Lodge.

Voted, that Bro. Jones be G. Tyler for the Year ensuing.

The following Lodges were represented,

Rising States, King Solomon, Massachusetts & Wooster.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon the G. S. elect & know whether He accepts his Appointment — & that the same Committee be appointed to settle with the late Secretary & Treasurer.

A Committee of three were then chosen

Bro. Revere, Bro. Bartlet & Bro. Scollay.

Voted, That this Grand Lodge be adjourn'd to Thursday Evening next.

Mass: Lodge pd 12/

M. M. Hays	Grd Master
John Lowell	P. D. Gd M.
Josiah Bartlett	Sen G. W. p. T.
W. Scollay	S. G. W.
William Calder	J. G. W.
Norton Brailsford	G. S. D.

William Little	G. T.
Saml Bradford	G. S. P. T & G. S.
Amos Lincoln.	

[This record bears the Autograph Signatures of the Brethren above named.]

At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge in Ample form held at Concert Hall, Thursday June 10th 5790.

Voted, that the feast of St John the Baptist be celebrated at this place on Thursday the 24th ins^{t} & that some suitable Brother be requested to deliver an address to the Grand Lodge.

Voted that the Grand Master — Brothers Revere Scollay and Bradford be a committee to make all the necessary preparations to carry the above vote into effect.

Grand Lodge Closed.

At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge at Concert Hall in Boston on the festival of St John the Baptist June 24th 5790.

Present.

M. W. M. M. Hays	Grand Master.
R. W. Paul Revere	Dep. G. Master.
R. W. Thos Edwards	Senr G. Warden
R. W. Aaron Dexter	Junr G Warden
Wm Little	Grand Treasurer
Jos. Laughton	Grand Sec^{y}
Norton Brailsford	Senr G. Deacon
Wm Calder	Junr G. Deacon
Amos Lincoln & B. Homans	G. Stew^{ds}
Sam. Bradford	G. Martial
Jon^{a} Freeman	G. Sword Bearer,

with several past Grand Officers, the Representatives of the particular Lodges, & about fifty other Brethren.

The most worshipfull Grand Master reported that Bro. Josiah Bartlett of Charlestown was appointed to deliver the address in compliance with the vote of the 10th ins^{t} and that he now attends for that purpose.

After the address the Brethren were called to refreshment, & the afternoon was spent in true masonic festivity.

Voted that the Grand Master, Bro. Revere, Scollay & Bradford be a committee to wait upon Bro. Bartlett with the thanks of the Grand Lodge for his services this day, & request a Coppy of his address for the use of the Grand Lodge.

The Lodge was then closed.

An address to the Ancient & Honourable Society of *Free & Accepted Masons*, deliver'd at CONCERT HALL in BOSTON on the

Festival of S^T JOHN the BAPTIST, June 24th 1790 & submitted to the Massachusetts Grand Lodge at their particular request

By JOSIAH BARTLETT Esquire.

Ours are the plans of Policy & Peace
To live like Brothers & conjunctive all
Embellish Life. *Thompson.*

My Respected Brethren,

To open the volume of antiquity, & trace the progress of Masonry, thro' the successive ages of the world — to mark the enterprising spirit which distinguished our illustrious progenitors, & consider their gradual advancement in the liberal and mechanick arts, will always afford us the sublimest pleasure & impress our minds with the most exalted sentiments of that beneficent *architect*, who has furnish'd us with extensive capacities, & the power of communicating happiness.

What but *social principles* could have constituted the felicity of primeval man? And without *these* would he not have been equally happy, whether doomed, forlorn & forsaken, to traverse the inhospitable forest, or permitted to enjoy the uninterrupted sweets of Paradise? What "but the *genius* of masonry" enabled the pious family of Noah "to save a devoted world?" Supported by a reliance on the divine favour, they cheerfully obeyed the extraordinary command, and, having escaped the sad catastrophe, they offered the genuine effusions of Gratitude for their great deliverance, & received the sacred benediction.

What but the "masonick talent of conversing without the use of speech" mitigated the miseries of the sons of men, when deprived of the power of utterance, for an impious attempt to reach heaven with the memorable tower of Babel, they by a supreme command, were expelled the fruitfull plains of *Shinar*, to suffer the novel & complicated inconveniences of a general dispersion.

What but an active cultivation of *geometrick* & *social* inquiry, produced the various improvements that distinguish succeeding history, to the days of Solomon? who with unequalled *Wisdom*, pursued the grand design of his illustrious Father; and by a firm adherence to those immutable decrees, which are the strength of masonick Union, astonished an admiring world with Magnificence & *Beauty*. And what my brethren, but the happy influence of our noble *science*, has occasioned its universal spread, & supported its variegated progress, from the *rising* to the setting *sun*.

Unable as we are to ascertain with accuracy the history of *Masonry* from the infancy of Massachusetts: when we view its flourishing state in Europe, at that important period of enterprize, when we consider the rapid emigration from our parent country, & the necessity of mutual aid & support under the most incredible hardships & dangers: and when we mention the *freedom*, *fervency* & *Zeal* which mark'd the progressive steps of our venerable

ancestors, the grand principles of the *Craft* are so conspicuously illustrated, as to contradict any conjectures which arrise from the want of authentick records.

It appears from the best information we are able to collect that in about a century after the arrival of the first settlers at Plimouth, a provincial Grand Master was appointed, by the Grand Master of England; & that several flourishing *Lodges* were commission'd by *him* & *his* successors, untill our political separation from the British empire.

In the year of Masonry 5755, a number of Brethren who had travelled, & many of whom were initiated into the *mysteries* of the craft in forreign countries, became emulous to cultivate the royal art under the patronage of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, & the prayer of their petition being granted they received a dispensation dated Novr 30th 5756, constituting them a regular body of *Ancient Masons*, under the title & designation of *Saint Andrews Lodge*.

The Beneficial effects of this exertion were soon experienced by the admission of many worthy & ingenious *craftsmen*, who, with a laudable emulation to extend its usefulness, in conjunction with three traveling Lodges, then held within the province, effected the establishment of a *Grand Lodge*, by a commission bearing date May 30. 5769. from the *Grand Master* of Scotland, to our late worthy & *most worshipfull Brother*, the Hon. JOSEPH WARREN Esquire whose authority was extended by an appointment of March 3^{d} 5772. throughout the continent of *America*. New Lodges were now frequently errected, public charges were given, & all ancient customs & usages were invariably observed.

The political events of the year 5775. produced important changes in the state of Masonry. These were no other than the heroick death of the Grand Master, on the celebrated highths of Charlestown, & a temporary dispersion of the Grand Officers, who, soon after the evacuation of Boston by the British army, on the following year, influenced by a pious regard to the merrits & memory of their departed patron were induced to make search for his body, which was rudely & indiscriminately buried on the field of Slaughter. They accordingly repaired to the *brow* of the hill & by the direction of a person who had been on the ground about the time of his burial, a spot was found, where the earth had been recently turned up, & was distinguished by a small *cluster of sprigs*. Having removed the turf & open'd the grave, the remains were easily ascertain'd,* & being decently raised, were conveyed to the State House in this metropolis, whence on the 8th of April 5776 after every mark of respect, & the Just tribute of patriotick & affectionate applause, they were committed to the silent tomb; "but as the whole earth is the sepulchre of illustrious men, his fame, his glorious actions, are deposited in universal remembrance" and will be transmitted to the latest ages.

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* By means of an artificial Tooth.

How to assemble the Grand Lodge with regularity, was now made a serious question, as the commission of the *Grand Master* had died with *him*, & the deputy had no power independant of his nomination & appointment. Communications for the consideration of this subject, were held at different times untill the 8th March 5777. when, experiencing the necessity of preserving an intercourse of the brethren, & the want of a proper establishment, to soften the rigours of an active & distressing war, they proceeded to the formation of an *independent Grand Lodge*, with "powers & prerogatives, to be exercised on principles consistant with, & subordinate to, the regulations pointed out in the *constitutions* of ancient Masonry." And our late *worthy & Most Worshipfull* Brother Joseph Webb Esquire, whose amiable deportment & fidelity in the duties of his important office, now claim our greatfull remembrance, was duly elected *Grand Master* & proceeded to install his Officers & organize the *Grand Lodge*.

The flourishing state of the *craft* will be readily acknowledged when we consider that no less than fifteen Lodges were errected from this time to the festival of St John the Baptist 5783, when our *most worshipfull Brother* JOHN WARREN esquire, whose brilliant qualifications are too well known & too universally acknowledged, to need encomiums, was placed in the Chair of Solomon.

It was about this period, when the Grand Lodge "Warranted in their proceedings, by the practice of ancient Masons in all ages of the world" after the most serious deliberation, proceeded to pass resolutions, explanatory of its *title*, *authority*, and *Jurisdiction*, which with its laws & regulations, were engrafted into the constitutions & order'd to be transmitted to other *Grand Lodges*, requesting such correspondence from time to time, as would promote a friendly intercourse & advance the happiness of the Craft Universal.

In March 5784 a communication was received from the Brethren of Saint Andrews Lodge, expressive of their inclination to retain their Charter from the registry of Scotland; & withdrew from the controul of the Grand Lodge. The Members of this society had become very numerous, & a difference of oppinion, with regard to an acknowledgment of this Jurisdiction, having for some time prevailed, they at length determined to accomodate themselves by a division of the Lodge; & accordingly those brethren who seceeded, continued to assemble under a commission granted to Saint Andrews Lodge, (while their European Charter was retain'd by one of the original petitioners to the Grand Lodge of Scotland) untill the September following; when they received a dispensation, under the title of the *Rising States Lodge* with their former rank in the grand Lodge.

In the summer of 5785. a general convention of Representatives from the different Lodges, which had been errected since the year 5769. was held by the approbation of the grand Master to consider the state of Masonry throughout the Commonwealth. A candid

discussion served to strengthen & cement the authority of the Grand Lodge, & the result was harmony, beneficence & Good Will.

The next material event, was the festival of June 24th 5788 when our respected & *most Worshipfull Brother Moses M Hays* whose extensive knowledge in the mysteries of the Craft had Justly excited our attention, was duly elected & installed *Grand Master:* & who, by a steady perseverance in the various duties of his exalted station, has secured our affection & esteem. May he still continue a burning & a shining light arround the *Masonick Alter*, And may the animated example of those, who have so Nobly reared this illustrious fabrick, produce in us a laudable emulation to support its influence, by a constant cultivation of those kind Offices of humanity, which will convince the world "that the *main pillar* of *Masonry*, is the love of Mankind." We will not shade the pleasures of this auspicious anniversary, by reciting the peculiar disadvantages that have arrisen from the admission & depravity of unworthy *Brethren*, for the same unhappy fate has attended every other society of Men. And nothing but vigilence & care in the errection of new Lodges, accompanied with the greatest caution in the choice of candidates, can obliterate the pernicious effects.

The *secrets* of *Free masonry* have often excited the Jealousy, as well as the curiosity of the World. And Hawk-eyed Envy, with her banefull attendants, Calumny & detraction, have neglected no oppertunity to spread their destructive influence, but let us remember the words of WISDOM "he that reproveth a scorner geteth to himself shame, & he that rebuketh a wicked man geteth himself a blot."

What, my Brethren, are the doctrines & precepts of our benevolent institution. Are they not so plain, & so easily understood, as to require neither the aid of logick, nor the force of Eloquence? Such then being our professed advantages, we ought, in our respective stations, to inculcate those sentiments which tend to rectify the heart, inform the mind, & promote the moral & social duties of peace, decency & good order in the World; To cherrish the grand principles of *brotherly love, relief & truth;* To contribute our aid in support of the Government by which we are protected; And to exercise that god-like charity, which consists in giving of our abundance to the relief of the necessitous, and wiping the tear of sorrow from the disconsolate eye.

> "Tis what the happy to th' unhappy owe,
> For what man gives, the gods on him bestow."
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> *Pope.*

At a meeting of Massachusetts Grand Lodge at Concert Hall, September 5790.

A committee was appointed to consider the state of the Grand Lodge & report at the next quarterly communication.

Grand Lodge Closed.

At a Meeting of Massachusetts Grand Lodge in Ample form held at Concert Hall on Wednesday evening 8th Decr 5790.

Present.

M. W. Moses M Hayes Esq.	G. M.
W. Paul Revere Esq.	D. G. M.
Thomas Edwards Esq.	S. G. W.
Aaron Dexter	J. G. W.
R. W. Josiah Bartlet	M. King Solo Lodge.
Joseph Laughton	G. Sy.
William Little	G. T.
Norton Brailsford	S. G. D.
W. John Lowell	P. D. G. M.
R. W. William Scollay Esq.	M. Masstts Lodge.
Amos Lincoln	G. Steward.
John Jones	G. Tiler.

Massachusetts Lodge, represented by Brother Scollay, Rising States represented by Brother Revere, & King Solomons by Brother Bartlet.

The Committee appointed to consider the State of the Grand Lodge, and to liquidate & settle the Accounts, beg leave to report,

That there is a much larger sum due to the Grand Lodge, than is necessary to discharge the Debts, which they suppose will not exceed 130 dollars and having maturely considered the situation of the different Lodges, and compared the sums due with their various circumstances, they have assessed the sum of £58.16.0, which when paid as follows, shall be in full discharge of all demands to the meeting in December inclusive — Vizt —

Rising States lodge	£ 2 . 8. 0	Hampshire	£7 . 4 . 0
Massachusetts	1 . 16 .	Rising Sun	7 . 10 .
Berkshire	7 . 10 .	North Star	4 . 10 .
Trinity	1 . 16 .	Friendship	4 . 10 .
Vermont	3 . ,,	Faithfull	3 . 12 .
Warren	9 . ,,	Dartmouth	3 . ,, .
King Solomon	3 . ,,		
	£ 28 . 10 .		£ 30 ,, 6 .
			28 ,, 10 .
			£ 58 . 16 .

It is the opinion of the Committee that a General Inattention to the Grand Lodge, and a want of strict adherence to its Laws & Regulations, has tended to lessen its importance, they therefore recommend that the foregoing Lodges, and them only be hereafter considered as within its immediate controul, that all the other Lodges be considered as having forfeited their right of connection, not to be restored but by consent of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Master cause the names and precedency of the aforesaid Lodges with the towns where they are holden to be re-

corded at large on a separate leaf of the Grand Lodge Book, to be a compleat list of the Lodges within its Jurisdiction at the present day.

The Committee further recommend that for the future support of the Grand Lodge, each of the said Lodges, with all such as may be regularly added shall pay at each quarterly communication nine Shillings, and that every Lodge not represented and neglecting to pay for the Space of twelve months shall positively forfeit their connection with the Grand Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Grand Master for the time being to revoke the Charter of such delinquent Lodges.

It is further recommended that the Grand Master write to any Lodges within the limits of this Commonwealth not mention'd in this report, and request that they would either form a new connection with the Grand Lodge or return the Charters they have received by its authority, and that he also write to the Lodges under this Jurisdiction requesting the immediate payment of the sums assessed, and that they attend either by their Officers or by proxy agreably to the regulations of the G^d Lodge.

It is further recommended that the Grand Lodge shall in future be summoned by an Advertisement in the Collumbian Centinel in two papers immediately preceeding the proposed Meeting — in form as follows —

Massachusetts Grand Lodge & Quarterly Communication will be holden at —— in Boston on Thursday next at — O'Clock P.M.

Boston ——— 5790.

——— G. Secretary.

A Letter from Right Worshipfull Brother Wm Todd Master of Rising Sun Lodge, held at Keene, State of New Hampshire was read and Committed to Brothers Dexter, Scollay & Edwards to report at next Grand Lodge.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the state of certain persons Foreigners who call themselves Masons, and affect to hold a Lodge — reported — That in their Opinion it was expedient to grant a Charter of Dispensation to them under such restrictions as the Grand Lodge think proper which being read was thereupon Voted — That a Charter of Dispensation be granted them for the term of three Years to hold a Lodge & to make Masons, provided that no person be made a Mason untill the Name of the Candidate be first given to the Grand Master with his place of Abode, and occupation & receive his Approbation, — and provided also that the said persons in presence of a Committee of this Grand Lodge, to be appointed for the purpose, take anew the several Masonic Obligations ; at the end of which term if their Conduct shall warrant it they may receive a Charter at large without any further Expence.

A Committee of five brethren were accordingly Appointed — Viz^t — Brothers Revere, Bartlet, Scollay, Dexter & Edwards.

Voted that the afores^{d} Com^{tee} be served with a copy of this Vote, which was comply'd with by the Secretary.

Rec^{d} of King Solomons Lodge 60/ & paid the same to the G^{d} Treasurer.

Rec^{d} of Massachusetts Lodge 36/ which was paid Mr Vila by Bro Scollay.

Rec^{d} of Rising States Lodge 48/ which was paid Mr Vila by G^{d} Treas^{r}.

By the Most Worshipfull Grand Masters direction this Grand Lodge is now closed untill the first Thursday in March Next, unless called together upon some Emergency.

JOSEPH LAUGHTON G^{d} Secr^{y}.

At a Meeting of Massachusetts Grand Lodge held at Concert Hall Wednesday 2^{d} Mar. 5791.

Present.

Most Worshipfull	M. M. Hays Esq	G Master
	W. Paul Revere Esq	D. G. M.
	Thomas Edwards Esq	S. G. W.
	William Scollay Esq	J. G. W.
	William Little Esq.	G. Treasurer.
	Joseph Laughton	G. Secretary.
	Norton Brailsford	S. G. Deacon.
	Amos Lincoln	G. Steward.
Worshipfull	George Gideon	Master Harmoniac Lodge.
	Peter Smink	S. Warden d°
	George Grosman	J. Warden d°

Motion by Worshipfull Brother Revere, that the Grand Lodge in future meet on the first Monday in June, September, December & March. Seconded & passed to be engrosed.

Voted that the Committee on the Constitution, be requested to write to the different Lodges for Subscription papers.

Lodges represented — Viz^{t} —

Rising States paid 12/
Massachusetts.
King Solomons.
Harmoniac paid 12/

paid the above 24/ to the Treasurer.

The following Address was ordered to be engrossed.

Harmoniac Lodge legally Assembled on the second monday in February A. L. 5791 A. D 1791 then & there moved, seconded & Unanimously Voted, that a Committee should be chosen to draft an address of thanks to the Most Worshipfull Master, other Officers & members belonging to the Massachusetts Grand Lodge who are to Assemble on the first Thursday in March A. L. 5791 A. D. 1791 do report, that we the Subscribers being duly impressed with

every sentiment of Gratitude towards our Leading Patrons, and as a Committee regularly chosen (in behalf of the Harmoniac Lodge) for that purpose do return our humble & most sincere thanks, for having taken into their wise Consideration the petition of our said Lodge & ratifying the same by granting a Charter therefor, together for all other Civilities therefrom received, particularly to our worthy Brother Captain Joseph Laughton for his extreem goodness in dispensing with his trouble & fees *free gratis*, and as duty bound we pray that Heaven may inspire the whole Fraternity with Light & Prosperity.

Signed PETER SMINK, FREDERICK GRANGER, JOHN J. GEYER } Committee.

Return of Officers belonging to the Harmoniac Lodge.

George Gideon	Master
Peter Smink	S. Warden,
George Grosman	J. W.
John M. Emery	S. Deacon,
Jacob Smith	J. D.
James Howland	Treasurer,
Frederick Granger	Secr^{y}
Richard Horsfall	Steward,
Joseph Englesbury	Toiler.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge held at Concert Hall Thursday Evening June 2^{d} 5791.

Members present.

Most Worshipfull	M. M. Hayes	G. Master.
	Paul Revere	D. G. M.
	John Lowell	P. D. G. M.
	Aaron Dexter	S. G. W.
	Thomas Edwards	J. G. W.
	Norton Brailsford	S. G. D.
	William Calder	J. G. D.
	William Little	G. T.
	Joseph Laughton	G. Sec^{y}
	Amos Lincoln, Benjamin Homans	G Stewards
	William Scollay	M. M. Lodge.
	George Gideon	M. Harmoniac Lodge.
	Peter Smink	S. W d°
	George Grosman	J. W. d°

Samuel W. Hunt, Benj^{a} Frothingham. Robert Rodgers, Josiah Bartlett, P. M.

Upon a Motion made & seconded it was unanimously

Voted to celebrate the feast of St John, and that a Com^{tee} be chosen to write to brother Bentley of Salem to deliver an Address to the brethren on that Day.

Brothers Lowell, Dexter & Scollay were accordingly chosen ; the same Com^tee^ were requested to wait on the Wardens of the Chapel for the use of their Church for brother Bentley to deliver his Address.

Voted that a Committee be chosen to agree with some suitable person to provide for the feast, the Most Worshipfull Master, M. M. Hays, Brothers Revere, Bartlet, Dexter, Scollay, Little, & Bradford were accordingly chosen.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the Choice of Grand Officers for the Year ensuing.

Most Worshipfull M. M. Hays was chosen Grand Master.

Josiah Bartlett	S. G. Warden,
Aaron Dexter	J. G. W.
William Little	G. Treas^r^
Joseph Laughton	G. Sec^y^
Norton Brailsford	S. G. D.
William Calder	J. G. D.
Samuel Bradford	G. Marshall.
Jon^a^ Freeman Junr	G. Sword bearer.
Amos Lincoln Benj^a^ Homans	G. Stewards.
John Jones	Grand Tyler.

Lodges represented — Viz^t^ —

Rising States	Brother Revere p'^d^ 9/quarteridge
Massachusetts	Brother Scollay p^d^ 9/
Warren	Brother Cooper,
King Solomon	Brother Calder, p^d^ 9/.
Hampshire	Brother Hunt
Harmoniac	Brother Gideon p^d^ 9/.

Return of Officers for Rising States Lodge.

Paul Revere	Master.
Amos Lincoln	S. W.
Levi Hearsey	J. W.
William B. Eaton	S. D.
Benj^a^ Russell	J. D.
John Brazier	Treasurer.
Paul Revere Junr	Secr^y^.

Return of Warren Lodge Officers.

Ralph Hart Bowles	Master.
John Kelly	S. W.
John Cooper	J. W.
William Chaloner	Secretary.
Parker Clark	Treasurer.
William Albee	S. Deacon.
Eben^r^ Inglee,	J. Deacon.
Jeremiah O'Brien	Steward.

On petition from Brothers Hiller, Bentley, & Pulling with others praying for a Charter for a Lodge to be held in the town of Salem in the State of Massachusetts,

Voted, that the prayer of s^d^ petition be granted, & the Secretary is directed to prepare one accordingly.

Massachusetts Grand Lodge Assembled in Ample form friday, June 24th 5791. at Concert Hall to Celebrate the festival of St John, & for Installation of the Grand Officers, proceeded to business by Installing the Several Officers chosen at the last Grand Lodge. The Grand Master then declared R. W. brother Paul Revere Deputy Grand Master for the year ensuing — a procession was then form'd & march'd in proper order from Concert Hall to the Chapel, where prayers was read by the Revd Mr James Freeman, after which an elegant Discourse on Masonry was deliver'd by the Revd Brother William Bentley of Salem. Procession then return'd to Concert Hall where the brethren partook of a decent entertainment, after dinner a number of Masonic & other toasts were drank.

Business being again renewed, A motion was made & Seconded that a Collection be made for the relief of brother Elias Parkman, which was done, nineteen & one third dollars being collected, it was put into the hands of a Committee to be disposed of as they tho't proper for the relief of him & his familly.

Voted that a Committee of five, consisting of the Worshipfull Grand Master, Brothers Revere, Morton, Bartlet & Dexter, be requested to wait upon the rev^d^ Brother Bentley to thank him for his elegant discourse deliverd this day & request a Copy of it for the press.

Motion by brother Morton that the remains of the feast be sent to the prisoners in the Gaol, passed unanimously, & that the Grand Stewards be requested to see the same distributed.

By order of the Grand Master the Lodge was clos'd.

JULY 19, 5791.

Rec^d^ from Hampshire lodge seven pounds four shillings being the Amount due from s^d^ lodge as P Com^tee^ Statement also two quarteridges due last month both sums rec^d^ of Brother Elisha Porter Esq. & paid the same to Grand Treasurer.

SEPTEMBER 5791.

No Grand Lodge was held this quarter in consequence of the absence of the Grand Secretary.

At a Meeting of Massachusetts Grand Lodge & quarterly Communication held at Concert Hall Monday Decr 5th 5791.

Present.

M. W. M. M. Hays Esq	G Master.
Paul Revere Esq	D. G. M.
Josiah Bartlet	S. G. W^d^

William Scollay	J. G. W^{d}
William Little	G. Treas^{r}
Joseph Laughton	G. Sec^{y}
Norton Brailsford	G^{d}. Deacons,
William Calder	G^{d}. Deacons,
Amos Lincoln	G. Steward
John Jones	G. Tyler.

Visiting Brethren

George Giddeon	Master	Harmoniac Lodge.
George Grosman	S. W.	Harmoniac Lodge.
John J. Geyer.	J. W.	Harmoniac Lodge.
John Lowell	P. D. G. Master,	
Caleb Swan &		
J. Frothingham,	King Solomons lodge.	

Lodges Represented.

Rising States	by Brother Revere	p'd 18/.
Massachusetts	" Brother Scollay	
King Solomon	" Brother Calder	p'd 9/.
Harmoniac	" Brother Gideon	p'd 18/.

paid the above 45/ to the Grand Treasurer.

Voted, That the Grand Master be requested to take proper measures to install the Officers of the Essex Lodge & that the Grand Secretary write to the Master of s^{d} Lodge, when he & his proxy will attend.

A Letter was read from Union Lodge N° 1 North-west of the Ohio, which being read, the Grand Master was requested to Answer the same.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to write Circular Letters to all the Lodges in the United States, on the Subject of a union with said Lodges, & that Worshipfull Grand Master, Brothers Bartlet & Revere be of this Committee.

Voted. That the W. G. Master be requested to write to Rising Sun lodge at Keen, in the State of New Hampshire in answer to a letter receivd from them some time since, which was not answerd by a Com^{tee} chosen for that purpose, who are now dismissed.

Voted, that Brother Thad^{s} M. Harris be added to the Com^{tee} for revising the book of Constitution, & that s^{d} Com^{tee} be furnished with the books of the Grand Lodge.

Voted, That a Committee of seven be appointed agreeably to the spirit of a vote of the Grand Lodge passed at a former Meeting* to Confer with the Officers of St Johns Grand Lodge upon the Subject of a compleat Masonic Union throughout this Commonwealth, and that said Committee report as soon as may be Convenient.

Committee — Brothers M. M. Hays, John Warren, Paul Revere, Josiah Bartlet, William Scollay, John Lowell, & Joseph Laughton.

Lodge closed to the first monday in March next.

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* March 2^{d} 5787.

At a meeting of Massachusetts Grand Lodge held at Concert Hall Monday 5 March 5792.

Present.

R. W.	Paul Revere	Dep. G. Master.
	Josiah Bartlett	Senr Grand Warden.
	Aaron Dexter	Junr Grand Warden.
	Wm Little	Grand Treasurer.
	Saml Bradford	G. Sec^{y} P. T.
	Norton Brailsford	Senr G. D.
	Wm Calder	Junr G. D.
	John Warren	P. G. M.
	John Lowell	P. D. G. M.
William Scollay.		—— Belstead.
Amos Lincoln.		Peter Smink.
Caleb Swan.		John Edmands.

A Constitution & laws for associating the St Johns & the Massachusetts Grand Lodges, as unanimously agreed to by their Joint Committees, & accepted by St Johns Grand Lodge, was read & deliberately considered.

The question whether the s^{d} Constitution shall be accepted was called for. & it pass'd unanimously in the affirmative.

Voted, That Brothers Warren, Scollay & Lowell be appointed to prepare a list of Candidates for Officers of the Grand Lodge & also a list of seven electors agreable to the constitution. The said Committee having reported, the following Brethren were nominated & appointed:

R. W.	John Cutler	Grand Mast^{r}
R. W.	Josiah Bartlett	S. G. W.
R. W.	Saml Dunn	J. G. W.
	Saml Parkman	G. Treasurer
	Joseph Laughton	G. Secretary.

For Electors, Brothers Revere, Dexter, Little, Bradford, Swan, Lowell & Scollay.

Voted, that Brothers Bartlett, Scollay & Bradford be a committee to wait upon Saint Johns Grand Lodge, now sitting at the Bunch of Grapes & inform them that this Grand Lodge have unanimously accepted the Constitution, & having taken the necessary steps, they are now ready to proceed to the choice of Grand Master G. Wardens G. Treasurer & G. Secretary.

The Committee reported that seven Electors from St Johns G. Lodge would immediately attend for the purposes before mentioned.

The Electors who met in convention were Brothers Paul Revere, *Chairman*, Samuel Barrett, James Jackson, Samuel Dunn, Job Prince, Thomas Dennie, William Shaw, Thomas Farrington, John Lowell, Aaron Dexter, Wm Scollay, Samuel Bradford, Wm Little

& Caleb Swan — who having examined *the Lists of Candidates* unanimously made choice of the following Brethren as the *first Officers* of THE GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST ANCIENT & HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS: —

R. W. Jn° Cutler	Grand Master
R. W. Josiah Bartlett	Senr G. W.
R. W. Mungo Mackay	Junr G. W.
Saml Parkman	Grand Treas^r
Thomas Farrington	G. Sec^y.

Voted that Brothers Revere, Bartlett, Scollay, Lincoln, & Bradford be a Committee to wait upon the most Worshipfull Moses M. Hays Esquire with the thanks of this Grand Lodge, for his faithfull services, & that the same be recorded in testimony of the obligations of this Grand Lodge for his Various & distinguished attentions to the interests of the Masonick institution.

Voted that all committees of this *Grand Lodge* be discharged, except the Comittee on the Book of constitutions, & that they report their doings to the new *Grand Lodge*.

Voted That Brothers Revere, Bartlett, Scollay & Bradford be a committee to adjust all the Acco^ts of the *Grand Lodge*, & that all records & masonic papers with the furnature & regalia of this G. Lodge be collected & by them deliver'd to the *Grand Master Elect* agreable to the Constitution.

King Solomons Lodge paid in full eighteen Shillings.

Massachusetts Lodge in full One pound Sixteen Shillings which is two pounds fourteen Shillings p^d Bro Little.

VOTED THAT THIS GRAND LODGE BE DISOLVED.

The following Lodges are consider'd as within the immediate jurisdiction of the late Massachusetts Grand Lodge.

Rising States	at Boston
Massachusetts	ditto
Berkshire	Great Barrington
Trinity	Lancaster
Vermont	Vermont
Warren	Machias
King Solomons	Charlestown
Hampshire	North Hampton
Rising Sun,	Keen
North Star	Manchester
Friendship	Williamstown
Faithfull	Charlestown N° 4.
Dartmouth	Hanover
Harmonic	Boston
Essex	Salem

The following persons are standing Members of the late Massachusetts *Grand Lodge*.

Paul Revere
Jn° Warren
Moses M. Hays
John Lowell
Perez Morton
Josiah Bartlett
Thomas Edwards
Aaron Dexter
Wm Scollay
Elisha Porter of Hadley
Timothy Whiting, Lancaster

Attest

M. M. HAYS,
Gd Mr M. G. L.

APPENDIX.

I.

EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE FIRST LODGE IN BOSTON (ST. JOHN'S).

MONDAY DECEMBER THE 29th 1740.

The Rt Worshipl Bro: Thomas Oxnard D.G.M. and a great Number of the Brethren mett in this Lodge; when was Celebrated the Feast of St John the Evengelist: a very handsome Supper was prepared by the stewards appointed: and the whole Entertainment of the Evening conducted and carried on in the utmost Perfection.

Our Rt W: Bror: Thomas Oxnard D.G.M. Open'd a Grand Lodge, and was please[d] to nominate and appoint the following Brethren his grand Officers for the Year Ensuing.

Bro: N: Bethune S.G.W.
Bro: J: Furney J.G.W.
Bro: P: Pelham G.S.
Bro: J: Stevenson G. Tylar.

WEDNESDAY JUNE THE 24th 1741.

Being Lodge Night, the following Brethren Mett.
The Rt Worshipl Bro: James Forbes M.
The Rt Worshipful Bro: Thos Oxnard D.G.M.

Bro: Price	Bro: C. Phillips	S.W.
Bro: Waghorne	Bro: Row	J.W.
Bro: Swan	Bro: H. McDaniel	T.
Bro: Box	Bro: P: Pelham	S.
Bro: Tuthil	Bro: Vardy	
Bro: Johonnot	Bro: Dunster	
Bro: Cade	Bro: Cuningham	
Bro: Rt Charles	Bro: Tracy	
Bro: Hallowell	Bro: Stevenson	
Bro: Hutchinson	Tylar	5 ,,
Bro: Deblois	Reckon.	£3 ,, 9 ,,
Bro: Jenkins		
		£3 ,, 14 ,,

[The record of this meeting concludes as follows:]

This night being the Festival of St John the Baptist, the same was observed in a very perticular and Eligant manner by all the Brethren present as above Named; when Our R^t W Brother Thos Oxnard held a Grand Lodge, and was pleas'd to Nominate and Appoint Bro: Stephen Deblois S.G.W. Bro: Robt Jenkens J. G. W. Bro: P. Pelham G. S. and Bro: Stevenson G. Tylar for the Year Ensuing.

THURSDAY JUNE 24. 1742.

Being the Festival of St John Baptist; The R^t: W. Bro: Thomas Oxnard G: M. held a grand Lodge, and was please[d] to appoint Bro: Jenkins S: G: W. Bro: Row J: G: W. Bro: Pelham G: Sec^y & Bro: Stevenson G: Tyl^r.

The Brethren attending (about 40 in num^r) Celebrated the Evening in a very Elegant manner.

Tylar . . . £0. 7. 6.

MONDAY DECEM^R THE 28th 1742.

Being the Feast of St John the Evangelist, Our R^t Worship^l Bro^r Thos Oxnard G: M. held a Grand Lodge, and was please[d] to Appoint his Grand Officers as follow's Viz^t: Bro: R: Jenkins S: G: W. Bro: H: Withered J: G: W. Bro: P: Pelham G: Sec^y and Bro: Stevenson G. Tylar for the six months Ensuing; the following Brethren Attending.

Bro: Robt Swanton	Bro: Cade	Bro: Waghorne
Bro: John Yeamans	Bro: Box	Bro: H: McDaniel
Bro: N: Bethune	Bro: Vardy	Bro: H: Price
Bro: T: McDaniel	Bro: Starkey	Bro: P: Pelham
Bro: G: Ruggles	Bro: Swan	Bro: Stevenson
Bro: T: Campling	Bro: Pearson	Bro: T: Kelby
Bro: Vernon	Bro: R: Charles	Bro: Smithson

Tylar £0. 13.

FRIDAY JUNE THE 24th 1743.

Being the Festival of John the Baptist.

In the Evening, our R^t W: Bro: T: Oxnard G: M attended by the Brethren held a Grand Lodge, and was pleas'd to appoint Bro: Thos Kilby S: G: W. Bro: Box J: G: W. Bro: Pelham G: Sec^y & Bro: Stevenson G: Ty^r.

TUESDAY DECEM^R 27th 1743.

Being the Feast of St John the Evangelist.

Our R^t Worsh^l Bro: Thos Oxnard held a Grand Lodge and was please[d] to continue his several Officers in their Posts for the ensuing Six Months.

The Brethren attending (about Forty in Number) celebrated the Evening in an Ellegant manner with the utmost Beauty and Order.

TUESDAY MARCH 6th 1743.

Our Rt Worshipfull Bro Thos Oxnard Esqr by Virtue of his Summons was attended by the following Brethren

Bro R: Jenkins	Bro Edmd Lewis
Bro H: McDaniel	Bro Peter Prescott
Bro Thos Kilby	Bro John Overing
Bro Robt Charles	Bro J: Stone
Bro H: Johnson	Bro F: Johonot
Bro Thos Aston	Bro James Forbes
Bro P: Audibert	Bro Benja Hallowell
Bro Luke Vardy	Bro Andrew Belcher
Bro T: Campling	Bro James Monk
Bro Henry Price	Bro N: Bethune
Bro Peter Pelham	Bro Saml Waterhouse
Bro Edwd Cahill	Bro Timy McDaniel
Bro T: Pearson	Bro John Row
Bro J: Boutin	Bro Caleb Philipps
Bro Ebenr Swan	Bro Anthony Davis
Bro Jona Pue	Bro Stephen Deblois
Bro Jos: Holbrook	Bro James Gordon
Bro John Box	Bro James Stevenson
Bro Henry Withered	Bro Danl Neal, Tylar.

The Lodge being Open'd Bro Tim: McDaniel presented Our R Worshl Bro Thos Oxnard Esqr with a Deputation from the Rt Honble and Rt Worshipful the Ld Barron Ward Grand Master of England, Constituting and appointing him Our sd Rt Worshl Bro Thomas Oxnard Provincial G: Master of North America, which by his Order was Read, and then Our Rt Worshl P: G: M. Received the Salutations and Congratulations of the Brethren in due Order, and Appointed Our Rt Worshl Bro Hugh McDaniel his Deputy, Bro Kilby S: G: W and Bro Box J: G: W. 'till June next; after which the Brethren were Elegantly Entertain'd by our Rt Worsl G: M. and the Evening's Celebration clos'd with the Utmost Order, and Decorum, in a manner only known in Masonry.

The Deputation is as follows: [See pages 7 and 8 of this volume.]

TUESDAY JUNE 26th 1744.

Being Appointed by Our Rt Worshipful Grand Master for the Celebration of John Baptist's Day, Our Rt Worshl G: M. attended by about 30 Brothers held a Grand Lodge, which being Open'd he was pleas'd to Continue his G: Officers in their several Posts for the Ensuing Six Months, after which the Evening was spent in Entertainments suitable to the Occasion, and Conducted with the Utmost Harmony & Decorum fitting so Grand a Solemnity.

Tylar £ ,, 7 ,, 6 .

THURSDAY DECR 27th 1744.

Being the Festival of St John ye Evangst Our Rt Worshipl Grand Master, held a Grand Lodge, which being Open'd he was pleas'd

to appoint Bro Box S: G: W. and Bro: Hallowell J: G: W. after which the Even^g was Celebrated at a Handsome Entertainment by a great appearance of Brethren according to the Rules of the Royal Art in Decency and Order.

MONDAY JUNE 24th 1745.

Our R^t Worshipful G: Mast^r Bro Thos Oxnard (attended by Thirty Two of the Brethren) Held a Grand Lodge, and Spent the Evening at an Elegant Entertainment in Celebration of the Feast of St John the Baptist.

Tylar 7/6. Two Setts of Candles £3. 12 £3. 19. 6.

TUESDAY JUNE 24th 1746. Being St Johns day

Our R^t Worsh^l Bro Oxnard G: M.
Bro Hallowell S: G: W.
Bro Aston J: G: W.
(attended by about Twenty four Brethren) held a Grand Lodge, and Elegantly Celebrated the Festival, in a decency and Form peculiar to the Professors of the Royal Art.

TUESDAY DEC^R 27th 1748. Being a St Johns Day, Our R^t Worsh^l G: M. Bro Thos Oxnard Esqr attended by the following Brethren, Held a Grand Lodge at the House of Bro: Stone, where the Brethren Din'd together in an Elegant manner, and Concluded the Day in Celebration of the Festival, in due Form and Order, with that Regular Harmony and Decorum, only known to Masons.

WEDNESDAY DEC^R 27th 1749.

Being the Festival of St John the Evangelist, The Brethren attended Divine Service at Christ Church, where was a Sermon Preach'd by our Reverend Bro Chas Brockwell very suitable to the occasion, after which they repair'd in Procession to Bro Stones, and Celebrated the Day in an Elegant manner, with a true Masonal Decorum and order.

Present

The R^t Worsh^l	Bro Thos Oxnard	G. M.
The R^t Wors^l	Bro H. McDaniel	D. G. M.
	Bro B. Hallowell	S. G. W.
	Bro Jno Box	J. G. W.
	C. Pelham	G. S.

and about Seventy Brethren.

p^d ye Bell Ringers	£10.—
ye Sexton of ye Church	3.
	£13.—

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 1741.

[At a regular meeting of the First Lodge in Boston, held] Wednesday, September 23. 1741, Our R^t Worship^l Mas^r recommended to

the Brethren, that it was his opinion, some perticular order should be observed in toasting the health of our R^{t} W: Bro: the Honble Mr Belcher: and that a Committee might be appointed as soon as possable to wait upon him, with acknowledgements from the Lodge, of his past favours, and to return our thanks &c.

Voted, that next after the G: M. the Late Govern^{r} of this Province, is to be toasted in the following manner, viz: To our R^{t} W: Bro: the Honble Mr Belcher, Late Governour of N.E. with $\frac{3}{3} = 9$.

Voted, that Our R^{t} W: Bro: T. Oxnard D. G. M. Bro^{rs} Phillips, Row, Price, Hallowell, Forbes, McDaniel and Pelham, be a Committee to form a speech, and wait upon the Honble Mr Belcher in behalf of this Society, and to make report of their proceeding the next Lodge.

On Fryday Septem^{r} 25. 1741, the Committee appointed by this Lodge waited upon the Honble Mr Belcher &c., and made the following Speech:

Thrice Worthy Brother.

We being a Committee by the Mother Lodge of N. England held in Boston to wait on You, take this Oppertunity to Acknowledge the many favours You have always shewed (when in Power) to Masonry in General, but in a More Especial manner to the Breth^{n} of this Lodge, of which we shall ever retain a most grateful Remembrance.

As we have had your Protection when in the most Exalted Station here, so we think it is Incumbent on us to make this Acknowledgement, having no other means to testify our Gratitude but this; And to wish for Your future Health and Prosperity which is the Sincere desire of Us, and those in whose behalf We appear, and permit us to assure You we shall ever remain

Honoured Sir
Your most Affectionate Breth^{n}
& Humble Servants.
PETER PELHAM Sec^{r}
in behalf of the Committee.

To which, we receiv'd the following Answer:

Worthy Brothers.

I take very kindly this mark of your Respect. It is now Thirty Seven years since I was admitted into the Ancient and Honble Society of Free and accepted Masons, to whom I have been a faithful Brother, & a well-wisher to the Art of Masonry.

I shall ever maintain a strict friendship for the whole Fraternity; & always be glad when it may fall in my power to do them any Services.

J. BELCHER.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER the 14th 1741. Being Lodge Night, [it was] Voted, that a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency Governour Shirly to Congratulate him on his Advancem^{t} to

the Governm^{t} of this Province &c. when it was propos'd, and agree'd that the following persons should form s^{d} Committee, to act in behalf of this Society; Viz: Our R^{t} W: Bro^{rs} Thos Oxnard, Forbes, Overing, Price, Hallowell, Jenkins, McDaniel, Phillips, Johonnot and Pelham, and to make report of their proceedings next Lodge Night.

On Fryday October the 23^{d} 1741. The Committee appointed by this Lodge, waited upon his Excellency William Shirley Esqr and presented him with the following Address:

May it please your Excellency,

We being a Committee appointed by the Ancient and hon^{ble} Socitey of Free & accepted Masons of the MOTHER LODGE of AMERICA held in Boston, presume to wait upon you with the utmost Sincerity, to congratulate your Advancement to the Government of this Province, and to assure your Excellency that our Desire is that your Administration may be successful and easy.

We have had hitherto the Honour of His Majesty's Governor being one of our ancient Society, who was ever a well-wisher & faithful Brother to the Royal Art of Masonry.

And as it has been the Custom for men in the most exalted Station to have had the Door of our Society'e Constitutions always opened to them (when desired) we think it our Duty to acquaint your Excellency with that Custom, and assure you, that we shall chearfully attend your Excellency's Pleasure therein; and as we are conscious that our Society are loyal and faithful Subjects to His Majesty, so we may reasonably hope for your Excellency's Favour and Protection, which is the Request of

Your Excellency's
most obedient humble Servants,
PETER PELHAM Secr.
in behalf of the Society.

To which His Excellency was pleas'd to return the following Answer:

Gentlemen.

I Return the ancient and honourable Society my Thanks for their Address, and Invitation of me to the Mother Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in America: And they may rest assur'd that their Loyalty and Fidelity to his Majesty will always recommend the Society to my Favour and Protection.

W. SHIRLEY.

Voted, that the above Address to His Excellency Wm Shirley Esqr &c. with his Excellency's Answer, be printed in one of the Publick papers next Monday.

WEDNESDAY, MAY the 25th. 1743. Being Lodge Night the following Brethren Met.

The R^{t} Worship^{l} Bro: H: Price M pro:
Bro: Benj: Franklin of Phila. etc.

WEDNESDAY AUG^ST 10th 1743. Being Lodge Night,

Voted, that Bro^r Jenkins, Charles, Hall, H: McDaniel, Philipps, & Price, take a proper opertunity to wait on Bro: Belcher, (our Late Governer,) with an Invitation from the Brethren, to give us the favour of his Company, at such time as he shall please to appoint.

THURSDAY FEB^Y 9th 1743. [o. s.]

Being appointed for the Entertainment of the Honble Mr Belcher (according to Vote,) who attended with about Forty of the Brethren in Open Lodge; and a Handsome Supper was prepar'd, after which we took leave of Our Hon^d Brother in the most solemn manner. [He soon after sailed for England.]

WEDNESDAY, AUG^ST 26th 1747. Being Lodge Night,

Voted, That Our R^t W: Bro Oxnard G. M. Bro^rs Brockwell, Aston, Pelham, T. McDaniel & Secra^y be a Committee in behalf of the Lodge to Send a Letter of Congratulation to Our Honble Bro^r Belcher, upon his Advancment to, and Safe Arrival at his Government of the Jerseys.

WEDNESDAY SEP^R 9th 1747. Being Lodge Night,

The Committee appointed to form a Letter of Congratulation to His Excellency Our Bro Belcher presented the same to the Lodge, which was to the acceptance of the Lodge. Voted therefore that the Secratary do forward the same as soon as may be, and the Comm^ee have the Thanks of the Lodge for the same. It is as follows, Viz^t

Thrice Worthy Brother!

It was with the greatest pleasure and the utmost Satisfaction We Rec^d the News of your Safe Arrival at your Government of the Jerseys; And from a just Sence of the distinguishing marks of your Esteem shewn to the Antient & Honble Society of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS when you fill'd the Chair of Government in this Province, (which upon all Occasions we doubt not but you would still Continue,) We cannot but hope the sincere and hearty Congratulations of Our Lodge on your present happy Accession may meet with a favourable acceptance.

You have sufficiently distinguish'd your adherence to Our THREE GRAND PRINCIPLES in your Firm attachment to his Majesty's Person and Government which (with Joy we find) has preferr'd you to a second Commission (an uncommon Instance of Royal favour) and as the weight of so great a Charge must be attended with many concerns, so we heartily wish a happy Concurrence of every thing that may Render your Administration Satisfactory to your Prince, Advantageous to your People, and Easy to your Self; so that full of Days and full of honour (which but little Survives our Actions) you may finally meet with a reward of that Honour and Happiness which will be as Eternal as Inconceivable.

By Order of the R^t Worshipful the Provincial GRAND MASTER of North America, and the R^t Worshipful MASTER, WARD^s and FELLOWS of the LODGE held in Boston N England Sepr ye 3. in the Year of Masonry 5747 *Annoque Domini* 1747.

CHA^s. PELHAM Sec^r.

[Reply to the above letter.]

WEDNESDAY NOV^B. 11th 1747. Being Lodge Night,

Our R^t Worsh^l Bro: Oxnard G: M. presented to the Lodge, a Letter from His Excellency our Bro^r Belcher at the Jerseys, in Answer to the Congratulatory one sent him from the Lodge, which was most kindly Rec^d and Order'd to be Read by the Secratary, and is as follows, Viz^t.

R^t Worsh^l Brothers!

I have with much pleasure Receiv'd your respectful Congratulation of my Safe Arrival to this Government, dated from your Lodge in Boston ye 3 of Last Month. From the Testimonials I carry'd with me to London from your Lodge I was Receiv'd by the R^T HONOURABLE the GRAND MASTER; and at the Lodges where I attended as a WORTHY BROTHER; I shall always with great Alacrity show Respect & kindness to any one that may fall in my way, who is a BROTHER of the Society of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS; and I am the more Gratified in the Kings Repeated Grace and Favour as it does me double Hon^r in Clearing my Character from all Imputation, & setts me at the head of this fine Province, and may also Reflect some honour on the Society of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS; that the King has so Publickly justified the Conduct of a Brother in his Administration of the Government of two of His Majesty's Provinces In New England for Eleven Years together.

I am much Oblig'd to the Brothers of your Lodge for their kind Wishes of my Welfare and Prosperity in the Arduous affairs of Government, but above all that they extend them to my Obtaining a reward of hon^r and happiness that shall be Eternal. I have been receiv'd by the Good People here with uncommon marks of Respect and kindness, which I shall return by all such Acts of Goodness in my Power, as may most of all contribute to their Interest, & to their quiet & Satisfaction.

May you R^T WORSH^L BROTHERS, and all and every one of your Lodge live long in much health and Ease, and in such other Circumstances of Life as you would wish for your Selves, and when this Life must be Exchang'd for One that will have no end May you all be Happy thro the Mercy of God in Jesus Christ Our only Lord and Saviour, Amen.

From Kingswood House in the City of Burlington (New Jersey) this Sixth day of Octob^r in the year of Masonry 5747. *Annoq Domini* 1747. sign'd J: BELCHER.

To the R^t Worsh^l Thos Oxnard Esqr Provincial Grand Master of N° America The R^t Wors^l Master, Ward^s & Fellows of the Lodge of the Ancient and hon^ble Society of Free & Accepted Masons In Boston.

II.

COPY OF AN EXTRACT FROM THE RECORDS OF THE LODGE GLASGOW KILWINNING, FURNISHED BY BRO. D. MURRAY LYON, GRAND SECRETARY, AND DOCUMENTS RELATING THERETO.

"At the Old Coffie house 2nd Novemr 1736.—Members present: "The Rt Worshipful Jas. Montgomery pro Master: John Murdock "Pro. Senr Wrd: Thos Hamilton pro J. Warden: John Thomson, "George Murdock, James Craig, Robert Scot, Robert Draghorn, "Arthur Martine, Andrew Scot, Alexr. Wardrop; John Telfier: "Wm Robb: Robert Hamilton: Roger Rodburn (visiting brethrn). "At this meeting the following being presented by our trusty & "Well-beloved Brother Pathrick Robertson of New England, mer- "chant, from our Sister Lodge in Boston, this Lodge unanimously "agreed and ordered the said letter to be engross'd in the books "and also judge it proper that an answer thereto may be trans- "mitted by the hands of the above Brother James Montgomerie, "pro Mr.

"Most Worthy and Dear Brethren:

Our true affection for the whole Fraternity will not permit us to slip this favourable opportunity to give you sincere assurance of our due respect and regard for all our worthy Brethren. Our hearty good wishes we forward to you under the Care of our worthy Brother Mr Patherick Robertson, who is a well esteem'd member of our Lodge.

It will perhaps be acceptable to you that we inform you our Lodge was Constituted here by our Right Worshipful Master, Henry Price, Provinciall Grand Master, on the 31st Day of August A.M. 5733, and is held at the Royal Exchange Tavern in King's Street, the second & fourth Wendsday of every month, and is adorned with the most eminent gentlemen of this great town, and keep up to its primitive beuty & purity. We shall always be ready & desireous to Convince our Brethren, & particularly those of our R. Worshipfull Lodge, that we are with due respect, Most Worthy & Dear Brethren

Your sincere Brothers & humble Serv'ts,

HENRY PRICE, G. M.
JAMES GORDON, D. P. G. M.
ROBT. TOMLINSON, M.
HUGH McDANIELL, Sr W.
JOHN OSBORN, Jr W.

F. BETEILHE
Secretary.

At Boston in New England, September the 1st A.D. 1736."

FREEMASONS' HALL, EDINBURGH, Oct. 19. 1880.

This is to certify that the above is a *verbatim et literatim* excerpt from the Minute Book of the Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning.

D. MURRAY LYON,
Grand Secretary.

[Reply to the above letter.]

GLASGOW KILWINING LODGE
22d February A: D: 1736. [O.S.]

Dear Brethren,

This accompanies Capt Robert Paisly, a worthy Member of our Lodge, by whom we take Occasion to acknowledge the receipt of your Obliging Letter of September 1st deliverd to Us by Brother Patrick Robertson which Notifyed to Us the Agreable News of Your having a regular Lodge in the Town of Boston Constituted A: M. 5733.

It is with pleasure we learn that the Craft is in So flourishing a way with You, and that your Lodge is kept up in its Antient Simplicity & Beauty.

We desire you'll accept of our Sincere affection & our hearty good Wishes for the prosperity, Unity & Harmony of our Sister Lodge and Shall be fond of every Opportunity of testifying with how much Esteem and Regard; We Are

Dear Brethren
Yor most Affectionate Brors
& most humble Servants

Wm ROBB. Secy		JAMES MONTGOMERY	M.
JOHN TELFIER	J. S.	JOHN CLARKE	D. M.
JAMES CRAIG	S. S.	JOHN MURDOCK	S. W.
		JOHN BAIRD junr	J. W.

[Address of the above letter.]

To The Right Worshipfull the Master the Worshipfull the Wardens and the Worthy Brethren of the Lodge held at the Royal Exchange Tavern in King Street Boston in New England.

[Reply to the same letter from Lodge in Edinburgh.]

To The Right Worshipfull Robert Thomlinson Esqr Provincial Grand Master of New England at Boston.

Thrice Worthy Brethren,

Your letter presented by our worthy Brother Mr Patrick Robertson agreably Inform'd us of the Foundation and firm Establishment of your Lodge in Boston, We rejoice at it with exceeding Gladness And as we all have the interest of Masonry nearly at heart we Use our Outmost endeavours to promote its advancement, And we felt a very sensible pleasure from Bror Robertson's relation of your good Management and The true Spirit of Masonry that so happily reigns amongst You.

We are Confident that as Masonry is but in its Infancy in New England You will not fail to act the part of affectionate parents in Assisting its progress with tender: but assiduous Care and form its Constitution into an agreable and Convenient Shape by infusing a Social disposition, a Charitable will and an harmonious Spirit into every Brother.

If true Masonry is thus rightly Cultivated in the beginning your prosperity will encrease, You will be strangers to disorder, & your Concord will outlast even time who has all things in his power: but the dissolution of Masonry.

We Salute You well beloved Brethren with the Greeting of St John and as your prosperity and harmony is already great, We wish it may daily encrease. We desire and will be forward in Continuing our Correspondance And we hope our Brotherly Affections will be strong enough to Surmount the Dangers of the Seas and overcome the distance of Our Situations. We are with Sincere Regard

Yo^{r} most affectionate Brethren
and humble Servants

ALEX^{R} TAIT D: M.
JA^{S} HAY S. W.
ANDREW SYME J. W.

Edinburgh
28 Jan^{r}y 1736.
[O. S.]

[The above Replies are from a MS. in the handwriting of Francis Beteilhe, the Secretary of the First Lodge in Boston, now in the Library of P. G. M. Samuel C. Lawrence.]

III.

COPIES OF LETTERS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

R^{t} Worshipf^{l} & Dear Breth^{n}!

We Esteem this Oppertunity by one of Our Principal Members Mr Robert Jenkins a Loud call upon us to proffer our most sincere Respects and hearty Well Wishes to our Mother Lodge, which we now do with true affection to you and all Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} and Loving Brothers in England in Humble Hopes of your Acceptance; and Referr you to this Our Brother for a particular Account of the Propagation of Masonry in N. England, who by his Constant attendance on and hearty regard for the Royal Art, has merited and Inherited the highest Dignity and Honours of Our Lodge under Our R^{t} Worsh^{l} Grand Mas^{r} and in all Offices done much Hon^{r} & Advantage to Masonry, which has rendred him so Dear to us that although we are persuaded a small acquaintance with him will make more in his favour than all we can say, yet willing to express our regard for him we present him to you as a most Worthy Bro^{r} & hope & desire you'l Testify y^{r} Love for us in Conferring all the

favours upon him that he may require, which we are ready to acknowledge as an Obligation on us, & shall only wait an Opportunity of returning y^r Goodness to him, who we trust will Convince you by his Masonal Abilities that we have a due Esteem for the Honble Craft, & are

Dear Brethren!

Your Affectionate Brothers
and most Humble Servants

From the Lodge in
Boston N. Engl^d held June 24th A:D 1749. and of Masonry 5749.
CHA^S PELHAM Sec^r.

THO^S ASTON M.
JOHN COLLSON S: W.
SAMUEL WATERHOUSE J: W.

[The above letter was superscribed as follows:]

The R^t Worsh^l Master Wardens and
Brethren of any Regular Lodge
In London.

[The Document of which the following is a copy is superscribed "Humble Remonstrance of Masons in Boston &c to the G. L. &c — 1751." Asking for the extension of Thomas Oxnard's authority over all North America.]

TO THE R^T HON^BLE & R^T WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND: The Humble Remonstrance of the R^t Worshipful The First Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and the other Lodges, hereunto Subscribing —

SHEWETH,

That from the Acco^ts of the Transactions from the inchoation of MASONRY in N° America 5733 to the present Year We have had successively THREE GRAND MASTERS Deputed from the Grand Lodge who have each in their respective Commissions been Distinguish'd under the Title of PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS of North America, Which Distinction if it implies Chief signifies that there may Divers Grand Masters in different Provinces who are still subordinate to him as Chief, and therefore from him and him only or his Deputy should solicit or Receive their Deputations which some Lodges have not Observ'd; Or *vice versa*, if by Provincial Grand Master is implied a Power vested in the Grand Master over that Province only wherein he Resides or to which he is appointed then our Grand Masters have Exceeded in Granting Deputations to Distant Provinces as Philadelphia, Carolina, Antigua in the West Indies &c, which has prom[ot]ed so Considerably ye Interest of Masonry in North America, and which power if limited to that Restrain'd must have prov'd detrimental to the whole Craft, as must evidently appear from its present flourishing situation in those Lodges who have Receiv'd their Original from this Lodge.

We therfore beg leave to observe to the R^t Honble and R^t Worsh^l Grand Master that We have always look'd upon our Grand Mas-

ters in the most General Obvious and uncircumscribed sence of the Word, and if his sentiments shou'd agree with ours Our Prayer is as Masonry in British America has wholly Originated from us, and has made and still continues to make such an unexpected Progress,

That the R^t Honble and R^t Worshipful GRAND MASTER would please to take our Prayer into Consideration and Grant to Our R^t Worshipful Brother THOMAS OXNARD Esqr. our present Grand Master or his successors for ever for the time being, a Full and Plenary Commission to act as Grand Master in and over all the Lodges in the Provinces of Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Providence, New York, New Jerseys, Pensilvania, Mary Land, Virginia, North and South Carolina's, Georgia, Newfound Land, and Nova Scotia, all which Provinces are Generally Distinguish'd under the Name of North America: And that all future Deputations or Constitutions be from him or his Deputy only, and all ye Lodges in the District as aforesaid, do Communicate and Correspond with the Grand Lodge in North America thus Constituted, that from thence an Account of their several Proceedings may be Transmitted Annually to the GRAND LODGE IN ENGLAND, and as is now done by us, and to which we Referr you.

Cha Brockwell M. John Leverett S : W. Daniel Gookin J : W.	Of the First Lodge.
John Rowe M. Belthazer Bayard S : W. Thos Allan J : W.	Of the Masters Lodge.
Colville M. Ja^s. Forbes S : W. Thos Aston J : W.	Of the Second Lodge.
Chas Pelham M. Thos Newman S : W. John Indigot J : W.	Of the Third Lodge.

Dated at Boston N. England Octo^r 7 A.D. 1751 and of Masonry 5751.

CHA^S PELHAM G : S.

[Copy of a paper in the handwriting of Charles Pelham, Secretary of the First or Royal Exchange Lodge, written in 1751.]

A General List of the Brethren made in The First Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Boston, N. England, Also those Accepted Members in it; with the Time when made or Admitted, from the First Foundation A.M. 5733.

Those with this (*) mark were made here.

5733		
July	30.	Henry Price
		Andrew Belcher Esq[r]
		Tho[s] Kennelly
		John Quan
		Henry Hope
		Fred Hamilton
		James Gordon *
		John McNeal
		Peter Hall
		Matthew Young
		John Waddell
		Edm[d] Ellis
		William Gordon *
		John Baker *
		Tho[s] Moloney *
		And[w] Halliburton *
		Rob[t] Peasley *
		Sam[l] Pemberton *
		John Gordon *
Aug[t]	3.	John Smith *
Sep[r]	12.	Moses Slaughter *
		Tho[s] Phillips *
Nov[r]	9.	Peter Prescott *
		Benj[a] Brenton *
	19.	Rob[t] McLean *
Feb[r]	27.	William Walker *
5734		
May	22.	William Wesson *
		Benj[a] Pemberton
June	12.	And[w] Scott
	26.	Noe Tyler
July	24.	Fran[s] Beteilhe *
Aug[t]	14.	Hugh Scott
		John Young
Sep[r]	4.	Rob[t] Kenson *
		John Lyle
Nov[r]	13.	Rich[d] Patteshall *
		Samuel Curwen *
Dec[r]	11.	Rob[t] Gardiner
		Anthoney Davis *
		William Grice
5735		
Oct[o]	31.	Alex[r] Gordon *
		Cha[s] Gordon *
		James Cerke
		Tho[s] Moffatt [M.D.]
Nov[r]	20.	James Forbes *
Jan[y]	13.	Rob[t] Tomlinson *
		John Overing *
		Benj[a] Barrons *
		Alex[r] Tran *
	14.	William Hinton *
		John Osborne *
	21.	Tho[s] Oxnard, present G. M.*
		Rob[t] Boyd *
		Tho[s] McKnight *
	23.	Benj[a] Hallowell, pres[t] S.G.W. *
		Webber Gofton *
	30.	Fran[s] Johonot *
		Rob[t] Smith *
		Hugh McDaniel, present D.G.M.*
		Luke Vardy *
Feb[y]	5.	Rob[t] Oliver *
		William Frost *
5736		
March	24.	Cha[s] Bladwell *
May	12.	Patrick Robertson *
	31.	John Frazier *
		John Morris *
June	9.	John Farrell *
		Giles Vandelure *
		Hugget John
	23.	James Crawford
Aug.	11.	Shaw Mackintosh *
		James Stevenson *
Sep[r]	8.	Nicho[s] Davis
Nov[r]	10.	Tho[s] Renolds *
	19.	Peter Tomkins *
		Richard Parks *
	24.	Arch[d] Ramsay *
Jan[y]	12.	Nath[l] Bethune *
5737		
April	13.	Sam[l] Stone *
May	11.	Alex[r] French *
		John Maxwell
June	8.	Edw[d] Clerke *
		Albert Dennie *
July	27.	Tho[s] Pearson *
Aug.	24.	Rich[d] Wolfe
Octo.	12.	Nath[l] Derby
	26.	And[w] Hill *
		John Waghorn
Nov[r]	9.	John Tucker *
		Peter Buckley *
		John Saint
	11.	Joseph Smith *
	14.	Erasmus Ja[s] Philipps *
		J. Sheriff
Dec[r]	14.	Stephen Deblois *
Jan[y]	25.	James Carrel Tabbs *
		Tho[s] Walker *
		John Hutchinson
5738		
April	26.	Eben[r] Swan *

Aug.	3.	John Cunningham *
	23.	Thoˢ Moncrieff *
Sepʳ	28.	John Tanner *
Octoʳ	11.	Alexʳ Woodrop
		Alexʳ Bowman
Novʳ	8.	Peter Pelham *
Janʸ	10.	Leonard Lockman *
5739		
March	28.	Alexʳ Delavoux *
May	15.	William Morris *
June	22.	John Pringle *
		John Akins *
July	25.	Robᵗ Jenkins *
		Lincy Wallis *
		James Montier
		John Nappier
Sepʳ	12.	Caleb Phillips *
	26.	Jaˢ Underdown *
		Narias Vaughan *
		Edwᵈ Keller *
		Thoˢ Smith *
Octo.	24.	James Monk
Novʳ	14.	Hugh Surrey *
		John Lamport *
Novʳ	14.	Peter Dillon *
Decʳ	12.	Timᵒ MᶜDaniel *
5740		
April	3.	John Webster *
		Thoˢ Durfey *
July	23.	John Furney *
		Robᵗ Charles *
		John Box presᵗ J.G. W.*
		John Rowe *
Sepʳ	10.	Samˡ Waterhouse *
		John Rickman
		Henry Withered
Octo.	8.	Pat. Tracey *
		John Right *
Novʳ	26.	Geo. Leddain *
Decʳ	24.	Edward Oliver *
Febʸ	11.	Edward Tuthill *
	25.	Thoˢ Dunster *
		Peter Cade *
		Robᵗ Rand *
5741		
Aug.	12.	William Maul *
Sepʳ	9.	Daniel Hooper *
Octo.	28.	Edward Cahill *
		George Ruggles *
Janʸ	27.	Samuel Rhodes *
		Benjᵃ Marlow *
		Chaˢ Price *
		Bagwell Irish *
Febʸ	3.	William Bishop *
	10.	Thoˢ Kilby *
Mar.	10.	George Diamond *
	24.	Phillip Audibert *
		John Lee *
5742		Henry Smithson *
April	14.	Chaˢ Gautier *
		Peter Cossett *
June	23.	Abraham Orpin *
		William Ball *
		William Starkey *
		William Toy, Pass F. C.
	28.	Henry Lawrence *
		Thoᵒ Jaˢ Gruchy
July	14.	Lewis Vassell *
Aug.	11.	James Brunett *
Octo.	13.	Thoˢ Campling
Novʳ	24.	James Sprowl *
Decʳ	22.	Joseph Smithurst *
5743		
April	27.	Joseph Murray *
		Edmund Ellis *
May	11.	Lewis Turner *
		George Willson *
		Archᵈ Spencer
June	22.	John Shannon *
July	13.	Thoˢ Aston *
		Thoˢ Rind Allen
	27.	John Amil *
		John Vanhartburger *
Aug.	10.	Danˡ Perchard *
		Benjᵃ Ives *
Novʳ	9.	Edward Ellis *
	23.	Henry Johnson *
		John Boutin *
Janʸ	11.	Jos. Holbrook *
		Abraham Reller
Febʸ	22.	Jonᵃ Pue *
Mar.	14.	Louis Demoulin *
5744		
May	9.	Richᵈ White *
June	13.	Daniel Plaister *
		Samˡ Winslow *
Aug.	8.	William Coffin *
Sepʳ	12.	Chaˢ Pelham *
Octo.	10.	Lewis Dolobaratz *
Novʳ	14.	Peter Pelham Junʳ *
Decʳ	26.	Belviel *
Janʸ	23.	James Gough *
		Robᵗ Glover
Mar.	13.	Richᵈ Hood *
5745		
April	10.	Daniel Marquand *
July	1.	Daniel Byles *
		James Hewetson *
	10.	Richᵈ Smith *

	24.	William Coffin Junr *
Aug.	14.	Anthe D'Laboulerdree*
		Peter Phill: Chas St Paul *
		Thos Cross
Decr	24.	William Merchant *
Jany	22.	John Jones
		John Phillips
		Richd Gridley
Mar.	12.	Barnard Townsend *
		Benjs Brimsdon *
5746		
May	29.	Robt Williams *
Octo.	8.	John Woods, Revd
	13.	Robt McKennen *
Novr	12.	John Bradford *
		Joseph Sherburne *
Jany	14.	Robt Cummins
		Jons Rush, pass F. C.
		James Day *
		Jons Prescott *
		Newcomin Herbert *
		Andy Irwin *
		Andy Dure *
		Joseph Aberry *
		Estes Hatch *
Jany	28.	Revd Chas Brockwell King's Chaplain
		William Day *
		Peter Hammond *
		William Martin *
		Simeon Potter *
Feby	11.	Benjs Stansbury
5747		
May	27.	Andy McKenzie pass'd F.C.
July	22.	Archd Grayham *
Sepr	9.	John Rae *
	23.	Robt Bowers *
		John Salmon, pass'd F.C.
Octo.	28.	Chas Gorwood De
Novr	3.	Sampson Hodge *
		Hugh Hardgrove *
		John Conally *
	25.	Alexr Malcolm pass'd F.C.
Decr	23.	John Huske *
Jany	13.	Revd Alexr Malcolm *
		Aeneas McKay *
		Saml Levins *
		Thos Newton *
		Saml Stone *
	27.	William Norris *
		Pat: Montgomerie *
		Thos Bogle *
Feby	10.	Jons Dwight *
		James Abercrombie *
	24.	Paul Binney *
Mar.	23.	Benjs Smithers *
5748		
May	11.	Jeremiah Gridley *
		Belthar Bayard *
June	22.	John James *
		Sidney George *
July	13.	Nichs Ferritor
		Thos Vavasour
	27.	Michl Buttler *
Octo.	12.	William Dalton
	25.	Andy Ramsay, passd F.C.
		Wm Ellery
		Jons Fuller *
Novr	17.	William Ross *
		Barthe Svere *
		Frans Baulos *
	23.	David Littlejohn
Feby	8.	Benjs Stoddard *
		Peter McTaggart *
		Elias D'Larue *
5749		
April	12.	Hugh McKay
May	10.	Robt Gardner
		James Euing *
July	26.	Paul Douxsaint *
		Lewis Peach *
		Samuel Massey *
Aug.	23.	Robt Anderson, passd F.C.
Octo.	11.	Henry Leddel *
		John Bennett *
		Benjs Clifford *
		Saml Calef *
		Benjs Badger *
		John Leverett, Willm Epps pass'd F.C.
		Edmd Quincy
		Henry Bowers
Novr	8.	Peter Oliver
		John Indigot
		Jas Thompson *
		James Bruce *
	22.	John Huston
5749		
Decr	22.	Martin Beker *
		Roscow Sweeny *
		Jacob Tuthill *
		Gilbert Faulkner *
		Saml Wells, pass'd F.C.
Jany	10.	Jos. Gorham *
		John Brown *

Feb^{y}	11.	James Stewart *
		William Tyler *
		Nathl Gilman *
Mar.	14.	Hugh Purdie *
		Revd Saml Quincy, pass'd F.C.
5750		
	28.	Walter Logan
May	9.	Benj^{a} Hallowell Junr
		John Odin
		John Cathcart *
		Simon Tufts *
		Fran^{s} Wells *
	23.	Ephraim Cook *
Aug.	22.	Thos Allen, pass'd F.C.
Octo.	10.	Thos Kennaway
	24.	R^{t} Honble Lord Colvil
		William Alexander *
Dec^{r}	26.	Thos Swan
		William Davis
		Robt Fenton
		Jacob Packard *
Jan^{y}	23.	William Harvey
Feb^{y}	13.	Daniel Gooking
	27.	Joseph Rundell *
		Forbes Patterson *
5751.		
July	24.	John Irvin
Aug.	28.	Joseph Turton *
		Richard Neal *

A List of the Members Accepted in the Masters Lodge in Boston from its Founding in ye Year of Masonry 5738. Those with this * mark were Rais'd here:

Henry Price
Hugh McDaniel pres^{t} D.G.M. *
John Waghorn
Fran^{s} Betelhie
Thos Oxnard pres^{t} G.M. *
Thos Walker *
And^{w} Halliburton
Ja^{s} Stevenson *
John Overing
John Hutchinson
Ja^{s} Forbes
Alex^{r} French
Benj^{a} Hallowell pres^{t} S.G.W.
Luke Vardy
Geo. Moncrief *
Thos Phillips
Fran^{s} Johonot
John Farrell
John Hamilton *
—— St Clair *
Robt Tomlinson
Peter Nappier *
Robt Jenkins *
Thos Campling
Peter Pelham *
Henry Withered
John Box pres^{t} J.G.W.*
Thos Kilby *
Lewis Turner
Robt Charles
Caleb Phillips
Edwd Cahill
Peter Buckley
Thos Aston *
John Boutin *
Phill. Audibert *
Jon^{a} Pue *
Henry Johnson *
Tim^{o} McDaniel *
R. White *
Edwd Ellis *
Lewis Demouline *
Wm Coffin *
John Boutin
Robt Glover *
Thos Cross *
Chas Pelham *
Thos Ja^{s} Gruchy *
James Gough *
Richd Gridley *
Jo^{s} Holbrooke *
Jno Woods *
Saml Waterhouse *
James Day *
John Collson *
Robt Williams *
—— Hull *
Revd Chas Brockwell
John Huske *
And^{w} McKenzie *
—— Dalton *
Wm Day *
And^{w} Ramsay *
Aeneas McKay *
Jon^{a} Dwight *
Belth^{r} Bayard *
Thos Pearson *
John Rowe *
Hugh McKay
Peter Oliver
Jon^{a} Fuller *
John Rae *
Saml Levens *
Alex^{r} Ross *

Wm Epps *
Edmd Quincy *
Benjs Clifford *
Henry Bowers *
John Leverett *
Robt Jenkins *
John Brown *
Benjs Stoddard *
Gilbert Faulkner *
Revd Saml Quincy *
Saml Calef *
Hugh Purdie *
Henry Leddell *
John Indigot *
Walter Logan *
Thos Newman *
Wm Tyler *
Wm Down Chevers *
Rt Honble Lord Colvill *
Thos Allen * [M.D.]
Jas Tompson *
Danl Gooking *
David Littlejohn
Thos Kennaway *
Wm Harvey *
Joshua Gee *
Pat. Montgomerie *
Jos. Gardner *
John Phillips *
Jos. Turton *
Richd Neal *

[Copy of a letter written by Henry Price to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, desiring a Deputation for Jeremy Gridley.]

Worthy and Dear Bror

It was with the utmost pleasure I saw a Letter from you to the Honble Peter Leigh Esqr with his Deputation appointing him Grand Master of South Carolina the last Year and whom I have had the pleasure of seeing in our Lodges in Boston.

I would Inform you that as I Recd my Deputation from the Right Honble Lord Montague in April 1733 Sign'd by Thos Batson Esqr D.G.M. George Rook and James Moor Smith Esqrs G.W. made out by Bror Reed late Grand Secretary for North America, which I held four Years and Constituted several Lodges, and was succeeded in the office by Bro: Tomlinson, and after him Bro: Oxnard who Dying it Reverted back to me again according to the Constitutions. Now with my consent all the Brethren in North America have made Choice of our Bror Jeremy Gridley Esqr Councellor at Law to be Grand Master for Three Years, and then the Brethren to have power to Continue him or apply for a new Grand Master, and as our numbers of Gentlemen increase here and we are the oldest (or first Constituted) Regular Lodge in America, We have made application to the Grand Master of England for our said Bror Gridley, which application and Three Guineas we sent p. Capt John Phillips last Decr to our Revd Bro Entick Minister at Stepney desiring him to forward the affair, but we are surpriz'd that we have not yet Recd the Deputation nor a Line from Bro Entick, whose Receipt we have for The Three Guineas pd to him by the Said Capt John Phillips who using the London Trade may be now found at the new England Coffee House at Change Time.

I Therefore beg the favour of you to make enquiry after the Money, and application Transmitted as aforesaid to Bror Entick and as much as in you lies forwd the affair, which I shall acknowledge as a great favour and will be a Service to Masonry in These parts.

Masonry has had as great Success in America since my Settling here as in any part of the World (except England). Here is not less than Forty Lodges sprung from my First Lodge in Boston. Therefore we desire that our Deputation may be made out for all North America or over all North America. I shall be glad of a few Lines from you even though you should have made out and forwarded our Deputation before this Reaches you; as I shall have sundry things to Communicate to you from Time to Time and cannot do it but by Letter to you, most of my old acquaintance of Masons being either Dead or Remov'd from London. I have some remote thoughts of once more seeing London with all my Brethren in the Grand Lodge after Twenty Two Years absence, In the mean Time I am

Sir! Your most affect^e and faithful Bro^r and Humb Servt
Boston New England
Aug 6, 1755.

[Regular Notification for Grand Lodge.]

BOSTON Decem^r 20th 1756.

Right Worshipfull Bro^r

[Seal.]

I have received orders from our Right Worshipfull Bro^r Jeremy Gridley Esqr Provincial Grand Master of North America to Summons the Master and Wardens of all Regular Lodges within his district to attend him att the Royal Exchange Tavern in King Street Boston the Second Friday in January next being Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication.

You are desired to attend with your wardens and bring what Charity your Lodge shall think Proper for the Relief of Poor Brethren. I am

Right Worshipfull
Your Humble Servt & Bro^r
JOHN LEVERETT G.S.

To
Henry Price Esqr Master of the
Masters Lodge of Free & Accepted
Masons
In Boston.

[Regulations for Charity, 1757.]

As the Number of Free and Accepted Masons in North America are daily increasing and it is thought Proper to raise a fund for Charity to relieve distress'd Brothers, for Regulations thereof, and to make so noble a part of our Institution the more effectual, The Committee appointed on this behalf Propose the Following Articles . . . . . Viz^t

First.

THAT it be recommended to the Several Lodges within our Jurisdiction that every member of any regular Lodge subscribe his name in the Lodge he belongs to, for the quarterly payment of what sum he pleases during his pleasure towards a fund of General Charity, and that it be not expected any Brother should pay in more than one Lodge, though he belongs to more.

Second.

THAT the money received for Charity shall be paid Quarterly by the Treasurers of the Several Lodges to the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Treasurer shall give every Treasurer a receipt for the Money so received and enter it in the Grand Lodge Accounts.

Third.

THAT every Lodge shall be Credited for Moneys sent by them for Charity and every member that regularly Contributes his name shall be Registered in the Grand Lodge Book with the Sum he contributes, and he in case of any unfortunate accident to himself and family shall be intitled to all the Moneys he from time to time shall have contributed for the use of Charity aforesaid and as much more as the Committee appointed for that Purpose shall think proper, provided their be Interest in Stock.

Fourth.

THAT the Moneys received from the Treasurers of the Several Lodges when the Sum so receiv'd exceeds Twenty Pounds Lawfull Money in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, shall be putt out at Interest and shall not till further order be lent to any Person without the approbation of the Grand Lodge who annually shall choose a Committee to regulate this particular article, which Committee shall report every Quarterly Communication that every Lodge may know in what manner the Money is disposed off.

Fifth.

THAT none of the Stock shall be expend'd on Charity unless such accidents happens as represented in the third Clause, but when the Stock brings in any Interest then the Interest arrising from the money lent may be given away by the Members of the Grand Lodge at every quarterly Communication provided any Poor Brethren or family applys for this Charity which must be done in writing unless the Member is present, if any should apply before the Interest is Sufficient to help them its hoped the Brethren will be generous anough to relieve the distressed either by Subscription or otherways.

Sixth.

THAT the Borrower of any Money let at Interest shall give Bond and Land Security to the Grand Treasurer & Committee appointed for that purpose for the disposal and use of the Grand Lodge, and

to preserve harmony in the Lodge, its order'd that no Mason shall have any of the Money let at Interest or be Bondsmen for those that have.

Seventh.

THAT there shall also be kept a Book to Register the Names of all Visiting Brothers that frequent any Lodge within our direction and if any visiting Brother will be generous enough to give anything to this generous and Laudable fund of Charity, he shall always be intitled in Case of distress to the Sum he contributes, which shall be registred in the Grand Lodge Accounts, and these Regulations shall be sent to all the Lodges in our district as Opportunity offers, and shall be laid on the Table every time the Lodge meets, as Licensed & directed by the Grand Master that every Member may see how the Stock stands and in what manner the contribution succeeds in all the Lodges which are desired to report every Quarterly Communication.

Eighth.

As the Lodges at New Hampshire Newport Conneticutt, and Nova Scotia within our district may Contribute to the universal Charity they are always intitled as if Present in Boston and shall have the same Relief by application from the Master and Wardens of any Lodge within our district as if Present.

Nineth.

THAT the Grand Treasurer shall be annually Chosen by the Grand Lodge and whosoever is nominated shall not be appointed unless Two thirds of the Votes of the members Present are in his Favour.

JER: GRIDLEY	HENRY PRICE
JAMES FORBES	RICH^{D} GRIDLEY
ROB^{T} JENKINS	ROB^{T} WILLIAMS
JOHN ROWE	HUGH M^{C}DANIEL.

BOSTON Jany 14th 5757.

At a Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication held at the Royal Exchange Tavern this Evening the above and foregoing Regulations for Charity were presented by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, which were distinctly read, and Voted article by article to be the standing regulations for Charity.

JOHN LEVERETT, G. S.

[Copy of a letter sent to all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction by order of the Grand Master.]

BOSTON March 27th 1758.

R^{t} Worshipfull Brother

By direction of our R^{t} Worshipfull Brother Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand master of Masons for North America.

I am to Inform you he hath receiv'd Orders from the R^{t} Worship-

full D G M: of Masons in England to return a List of all the Lodges in his District.

I therefore require that you Forthwith send an account of your Lodge Viz^t when Constituted, where held, what number of Brethren made since the Constitution with their Names, as also the Names of the Present members with their proper Officers, and the Night of your Meeting, so that they may be registred in the Grand Lodge in England. The Charge of which will be three Guineas from each Lodge to send home Otherwise you cannot expect to find your Lodge on said List, which I think proper to Inform you off, that you may forward said Sum with your List, which will be forwarded by the Grand master by the first Opportunity after all the List[s] are Collected, the sooner Its done the Better.

I greet you with Brotherly Love and am with Respect

Y^r Bro^r

ROB^T JENKINS D. G. M.

To the
R^t worshipfull Master
of the Lodge at Newport.

List of Masons Invited to Y^e feast of St Johns at Ballards Dec^m 1760. [See p. 69 of this volume.]

J. Gridley	Isa Gridly	Wm Appleton	Capt Go. Willson
R Jenkins	Ja^s Tomson	Ph^l Dumersque	Capt Ja^s Bruce
H. Price	Wm Tomson	Nathl Abrahams	Capt Jno Cathcart
H. MacDaniel	Wm Torry	Rich Billins ju^r	Capt Cullem
Ja^s Forbes	Ja^s Russell	Billins	Capt Portter
Jno Row	T. Walley	Wm Doble	Wm Day
Jno Box	A Johnnot	Capt Malcomb	A. Bracket
R. Gridly	Wm Bell	Cap. Jn^a Freeman	P. Boyer
J. Leverit	H Roads	N. Taylor	Ja^s Boyd
C Pelham	J Wheelwright	Wm Hoskins	Edwd Davis
R. Williams	J. Joye	Saml Blodget	Moses Deshon
Jo^s Gardener	Ed^w Blanchard	Ivers	Elijah Davis
A. Oliver	Jo^s Calender	Job Prince	Wm Tricher
T. Dipper	Jo^s Webb	Capt P. Lewis	Pain
H. Liddle	Rich Salter	Chris^r Prince	Jo^s Mein
S. Holbrook	B. Barnerd	Cap. B. Phillip	B Halloway
A MacNeal	Cap Cluston	Jos^h Miller	B. Halloway junr
S Calfe	H. Atkins	Wm Johnson	Brigs Halloway
Ez. Price	Stone	Durant	J. Ottis
MacKenzey	J. Ballard	Jno Downs	S. Dexter
S. Quinsey	Ab^m Savage	Jno Hurd	Wm Bratle
Ditto	Petter Bourn	Muncreif	A. Belcher
Edwd Quinsey	G Jefferds	Col. Bagley	B. Pemberton
A Padock	H. Simpson	Mick^l Trulel	Tho. Oliver
Wm Burbank	J Tucke	Amuell	J. Gorden
Saml Hardcassle	Thos Urann	Jno Arbuthnot	Wm Coffen

Fitch Pool	Jo^{n} Welch	N. Wheelwright	Ditto Junr
Saml Gridly	Ja^{s} Flagg.	H. Vassell	Capt Fortesque }
J: Ervin	N Bethun	Tim^{y} MacDunell	Varnon }
N. Coffen	Doc^{r} Austin	Capt Scot	Jo^{s} Jackson
Step^{t} Deblois	Lewis Deblois	Jno Dupee	Jno Emory
Jo^{s} Scot	Maj^{r}—Scot.	T. Bradford	Balz^{r} Byerd
Jno Gore	Jno Gerrish	Doc^{r}—Kast	Wm Murry
S. Barrat	J Bradford	Wm Nichols	Doc^{r} Ja^{s} Pecker
Richd Hooten	Thos Pearson	Col Prible	Col^{n} Fry
Jno Melvin	Capt Ingersol	T Well	Jno Furness F.
Saml Swift	Col Jonath Hore	Wm Don Chifers	
Nath Hurd	Jno Box ju^{r}	Jo^{s} Tyler	
Francis Johonote	Doc^{r} Wm Lee Perkins	Capt Bennitony: ^{c}F.	

[Letter from the Grand Sec'y of England to Henry Price & his reply.]

Right Worshipful Sir,

As Brother Spencer's long illness may have prevented him from returning an Answer in course to you, I am ordered by His Grace Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort, Our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Hon. Charles Dillon, his Deputy, to acknowledge the receipt of yours, dated 27th Jany 1768 [See p. 133 *et seq.* of this volume.] inclosing a Letter from the Provincial Grand Lodge at Boston to the Grand Lodge in England, in favour of Brother Jackson, with Cash for four Lodges constituted in America; which have been duly registered, agreeable to your desire: But for the future I must request you immediately to forward to me an account of every Lodge when constituted, otherwise it is not to be expected they can rank in their Order of precedency.

I know not how your name should have been omitted in the List of Provincials; but Brother Robert Tomlinson, Esqr is the first appearing in Our Books for any part of America during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Loudon in 1736. These mistakes might have been long since rectified, if you had kept up, according to your Charter a regular annual Correspondence with the Grand Lodge. However, as it appears by some loose papers in my Possession that you had resigned in favour of John Rowe, Esqr His Grace desires you will forward a letter to me relating to this point, per first opportunity, that the Provincialship may be properly settled, with an account of the date of his warrant. No deputation which has been granted since your appointment for any part of America, can affect you, as their authority can only extend over those provinces where no other Provincial Grand Master is appointed.

The success of Masonry in America under your patronage we learn with pleasure, and shall be ready on all occasions to express our sincere affection and esteem for those who study to promote its increase and prosperity. In the present eras the Society flourishes all over the world; I have the pleasure to inform you that not only

their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Gloucester and Cumberland have joined the fraternity, but also the first Noblemen in Europe, vouchsafe to patronize our mysteries.

Our noble Grand Master and Deputy are resolved to revive the antient splendor of the Order by having it incorporated, with all expedition, a plan which cannot fail to merit the encomiums of all good masons, and previous thereto, the inclosed Regulations were confirmed at Our last Communication, which we hope will be duly enforced by you; and earnestly recommended to all the Lodges under your jurisdiction.

A speedy Answer to this, with the several Contributions to the Charity, and the money collected by the new Regulations, you are requested to forward to me as soon as possible; also a particular account of the Lodges in your province, as numbered at your Quarterly Communications with the names of their members and the places where and time when held that the General List of Lodges may be corrected. His Grace desires this may be duly attended to, and that you do regularly transmit at least once in a year the transactions of your Provincial Grand Lodge, with such sums as may be collected from the several Lodges under your authority for the General Fund of Charity and the other purposes of the Grand Lodge in conformity to the established Laws of the Craft as contained in the Book of Constitutions.

The quarterly donations from this fund distributed to relieve distressed masons are much increased of late years, which we hope will induce every Lodge in America liberally to contribute towards the support of this excellent Charity. I here send the particulars of our Cash account as stated at Last Communication, by which you will be able to judge of the utility of this establishment.

I have the honor to be, with all due respect,

Right Worshipful Sir,

Your affectionate Brother

and Obedient Humble Servant,

New Bond Street THO. FRENCH G. S.

London, 29th Novr 1768.

[Reply to the foregoing.]

BOSTON NEW ENGLAND 3d June 1769.

Right Worshipful Sir

I here acknowledge the Receipt of yours dated Novr 29th 1768, which came to hand the 27th April Ulto and acquaints me with the Design of our most Worshipful Grand Master His Grace the Duke of Beaufort of getting the Antient Society of Masons Incorporated; this noble and high Intention of his Grace cannot fail of exciting Joy in the Minds of the Brothers; and if accomplished of giving the Craft its former Lustre.

I laid your Grand Committee's Regulation before our Provincial Grand Lodge for their Approbation, whereupon they chose a Committee for that purpose, [See p. 170 of this volume.] and I shall

forward everything that is necessary to the other Provincial Grand Lodges on this Continent upon the like Occasion. The Society being Incorporated must have a good Effect and be pleasing to every good Brother.

Dear Sir it would be tedious to explain the Matter of my resigning as Provincial Grand Master: I recommended our Right Worshipful Brother John Rowe Esqr to be Provincial Grand Master of New England, but you cannot find that I ever gave up my own Appointment over all North America; this by the Blessing of God I shall explain to you and all our Right Worshipful Brothers face to face in London, some time in the Fall, as my Business will then call me home. I assure you Sir that I always had and still retain the Interest of Masonry at Heart; I have divers things of consequence to advise of, relative thereto, which cannot be so well Communicated by the Pen as in Person; then we may settle the Provincial Grand Masters and Rank the Lodges properly. I acknowledge the tender Regard that his Grace, and the Honble Charles Dillon our Right Worshipful D. G. M have for the Brotherhood in America, and therefore Conclude with high Esteem for, and Brotherly Duty to, his Grace, The Honble Charles Dillon and the Right Worshipful Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Masons in England.

I have the Honor to be with all due Respect

Right Worshipful Brother

Your Affectionate and Obedient

Humble Servant

[Reply to the foregoing, see p. 178 of this volume.]

DOCTORS COMMONS 6th Septr 1769.

SIR/ I am favored with your Letter of the 3^{d} June last, addressed to Bro^{r} French late Grand Secretary, wherein you intimate an intention of coming home some time in the Fall, and of setling with him the Provincial Grand Lodges &c.

As I have had the honour of being appointed B^{r} French's Successor in the office of Grand Sec^{ry} I beg leave to assure you that I shall have a peculiar satisfaction in being honored with your Masonic intelligence on all occasions, and shall be happy to see you in London whenever your affairs may call you thither.

I find by your above mentioned favor that you have received the design of His Grace of Beaufort for Incorporating the Society, which design, I am sorry to say, remains incomplete at this time; owing to the opposition of a discontented party, who we are informed have, for reasons known only to themselves, applied to the Lodges abroad. In order therefore to set the Transactions on this occasion in a proper light I have, by the Grand Master's directions, printed a state of the proceedings in Grand Lodge relative thereto, which I now inclose to you Sir; [See pp. 408–11 of this volume.] and request the favour of you to forward the same to the Lodges in America, except those in Canada, North and South

Carolina, to which Lodges I have forwarded the same myself. I beg you'll pardon the trouble of this application, and believe me to be with Truth and sincerity

Sir
Your most affectionate Bro^r
& obedient Servant
JA^S HESELTINE G.S.

HENRY PRICE Esqr P.G.M. for America.
Please to direct to me Proctor in Doctors Commons London.

[Incorporation of Grand Lodge of England. Communication to St John's Grand Lodge, Boston.]

Right Worshipful Master, and Brethren,

His Grace the Duke of *Beaufort*, our present most worshipful Grand Master, determined that the Lodges under the *English* constitution in distant parts, should not only enjoy the common patronage and protection of the Grand Lodge, (as heretofore,) but also be informed of every important transaction therein; has directed the following proceedings to be laid before you.

When his Grace entered upon the office of Grand Master, desirous of pursuing every measure that could promote the prosperity and dignity of the Craft, he consulted the annals of our Order, and found, that the fraternity had in former periods, acted under the sanction of *Royal Charters;* as in the reign of King *Athelstan*, and so lately as that of *Henry* the VIth. But he observed with concern, that those records had been unfortunately lost, through the intestine broils and confusion which happened afterwards.

These observations excited in his Grace a design of obtaining a new *Charter of Incorporation* from our present most gracious Sovereign; firmly persuaded that such *Charter* could not fail of producing the most advantageous consequences to the Craft; for though he observed that the society had flourished of late years, and augmented its fund by degrees, to a capital or about 1500 l. yet he could not doubt of its increase having been greatly retarded, through the insufficiency, and instability of the security on which such Fund depended; which objections, he apprehended, would, in future, be totally obviated by a *Charter of Incorporation;* as it would raise us from *a self-created body*, to a *legal permanent establishment;* would put us on a *more respectable footing in the eye of the public;* would enable us *effectually to secure our property, and recover legacies, and other donations with authority*, consequently to *enlarge our contributions to the distressed*, and render our charity *more generally beneficial;* circumstances abundantly sufficient to evince the necessity and utility of a *Royal Charter*.

His Grace's kind intentions having met with the general approbation of his grand officers, he desired the Deputy Grand Master to acquaint the society therewith. Accordingly, at a committee of charity, held the 21st of *October* last, the design was communicated

to the Masters of Lodges then present, who highly approved of such a measure; but thought it would be proper first to consider of the means for raising a fund to *build a Hall, purchase Furniture and Jewels*, &c. for the use of the Grand Lodge. In consequence of this determination, a scheme was formed for raising money to answer those purposes, *exclusive* of the Grand Fund of Charity, and a meeting of the Grand Officers, with the Masters of Lodges, was called by advertisement, in order to settle such scheme, which, after various alterations and amendments, was then *unanimously* approved of. Notwithstanding the most perfect harmony and cordiality appeared at the several meetings before mentioned, and the Craft in general, seemed pleased with the conduct of the Grand Officers, and highly applauded their endeavours to serve the society; yet this harmony was of short duration, for before the next Grand Lodge, a set of brethren, some of them past Grand Officers, (whether from an *envious* apprehension that the measures at this time pursuing would eclipse every thing that passed in their respective administrations, or from pique and disappointment at their not being *continued in office*, is uncertain,) formed an opposition to every act of the brethren then in office; and at the quarterly communication held the 29th of that month, various debates ensued relative to *the scheme;* but on putting the question for confirmation, it was, by a very great majority, approved of.

Disappointed in this attempt, the opposers took every Method to inflame the minds of the brethren by artful insinuations against the intended *Charter;* which they apprehended would be the next consideration of the society. They accordingly visited Lodges in all parts of *London*, and endeavoured to persuade them that the *freedom* and *universality* of the society would be *destroyed* by a *Charter of Incorporation*, and that *they* were determined *to support its liberty and independance.* But these insinuations, however artful and plausible, were not attended with any great success; the brethren in general, saw through the mask, and treated them with proper contempt; fully convinced, that nothing more was meant by the Incorporation, than to render the society more respectable and permanent, without affecting the universality, or the fundamental laws thereof, in any manner whatever.

By insinuations, however, of this sort, a report prevailed, that a great number of the society *disapproved* of an Incorporation, which induced the Grand Master to call a meeting of the Grand Officers, and Masters of Lodges, to know their final sentiments on this point; when, out of near 100 present, there appeared only 12 or 15 who dissented: The rest applauded the measures taken, and signed a respectful letter to the Grand Master, returning him thanks for his past conduct, and requesting him to proceed, *so far* as to have a form of the intended Charter drawn up, and sent to the several Lodges for their approbation; which the Deputy Grand Master assured them should be done, before any farther steps were taken; alledging that the Grand Lodge *only* could determine, whether the society should be Incorporated or not.

But how vain were all those efforts to preserve peace and harmony; disappointments in succession, drove the discontented to desperate means; *desperate indeed they were;* for immediately after the last public meeting, the Master, and Past Master of a Private Lodge, in the name of that Lodge, caused *a caveat to be entered* in one of the Offices, through which the Charter was to pass; with a view, if possible, to *deter* the society from prosecuting their laudable intentions; thereby creating a necessity to have a hearing before the Crown Lawyers, as to the utility of a measure, which could only be argued *with propriety*, in the Grand Lodge; and this step was taken, *even before any plan of the charter could be prepared*, and before they knew, whether by the tenour thereof, the society would have the least reason to regret what had been done. This *audacious* proceeding, did not, however, pass unnoticed; a complaint was made against the Lodge, *for daring to enter such a caveat*, and thereby counteracting the authority and determination of the Grand Lodge.

At the Quarterly Communication, held the 28th of *April* last, the brethren voted this Lodge guilty of a *high offence;* and a motion was made, that their constitution should be taken away, which would undoubtedly have been the case, so incensed was the society at their proceedings; had not the Master desired permission, (as an atonement for the offence,) to ask public pardon, which he accordingly did; and the Lodge was thereupon restored to favour.

At the same Grand Lodge the Deputy Grand Master informed the brethren, that, agreeable to his promise, a plan of the intended Charter of Incorporation had been sent to the several Lodges for their approbation, and that the following return had been received. For the Incorporation 168 Lodges, against it 43. A motion was then made, and the question put, whether the society should, or should not be Incorporated, and it was *again* carried in the affirmative, by a *very great* majority.

After this fresh check, the party had recourse to their usual mode of procedure. A private meeting was called, to consider of the steps necessary to be taken in support of their Cause; when some few *Enthusiasts* proposed an attempt to *divide* the Society; but this Motion was over-ruled by the *more moderate* part of the Company, who it seems were of opinion, that the Caveat, already entered, should remain, (notwithstanding the *determination* of the Grand Lodge) and the Charter be opposed; and in case their Objections should be over-ruled, and the Incorporation take place; then to attempt a *division*, and set up a new (*pretended*) Grand Master; with which Resolution the Meeting broke up. Yet in this they will probably be deceived, as no Nobleman or gentleman can approve of behaviour, so directly repugnant to the Laws and Principles of our Order, calculated to suppress all party Cabals, and to encourage Harmony and Peace.

In this situation Affairs remain at present, and as they are of

the utmost concern to this society, the Grand Master was unwilling to omit this opportunity of transmitting you an account thereof.

I shall only add, that as Transactions of the best tendency, may (by a disappointed Party) be represented as fraught with the blackest and most pernicious consequences; the most Worshipful Grand Master trusts, that if any application should be made to our brethren abroad, they will be treated with proper contempt, and that the respective Lodges will transmit to me the purport of such applications. Be assured the present Grand Officers have ever had the real interests of the society at heart; and it is expected, notwithstanding all opposition, that the Charter of Incorporation will be obtained, (of which you shall have proper notice) and that it will tend to the general good of the Craft; for with that view, and that *alone*, it was first proposed. Your contributions as usual, will be received with due respect. I wish the brotherhood every happiness, and remain with sincere regard,

Right Worshipful Master, and Brethren,
Your Most Affectionate Brother,

Doctors Commons
June 10, 1769. JAMES HESELTINE, G. S.

[Copy of a Letter from Henry Price, in his own handwriting, "to Mr Jas Heseltine Procktor in Docters Commons London. Sent in Capt Hood Via Bristol."]

BOSTON NEW ENGLAND Janr 29 : 1770.

Worshipfull Brother,

SIR/ I Wrote to you in Decemr Last Acknowledging the Receiving your Packet Dated Sepr the Sixth in Which Came the proseedings of the Grand Lodge with your favour to Me to be Recommended to the Grand Lodges hear in favour of a Royall Charter,

I have Communicated it to Our Brothers in as Many Distant Lodges as I Can Acording to the Season of the year Whare wee are Burried up with Snow.

On friday the twenty Sixth Instant Was Our G. Lodge in boston thare I Laid your Instrucktions before a full Grand Lodge of Brothers after a Debate of Sum time it Was Unanimously

Voted in favr of a Charter which they apprehended Necessary for the Society as with out one Charity Could Not be Carried on With that Speiret that Was first Designed in Masonry.

Our Brothers of the G. Lodge Earnestly beg that you would forward a Coppie of the Intended or Compleated Charter to Me as soon as May bie. after that if God bless Me I intend for London — thare I will Give the Grand Lodge a true State of Masonry in America. In the Meane While I Remeain to the Most Worshipfull his Grace of Beaufort G M: the Grand Lodge and all the well wishers to a Charter thair Moste Obediant Humble Sert and faithfull Bror.

DOCTORS COMMONS 15th February 1770.

SIR/ I have duly received your Favor of the 20th December last, the contents of which have been comunicated to the Grand Master, and have the pleasure to assure you — That your Sentiments on the subject of Incorporation gave him much pleasure. Such an Establishment cannot, I think, fail of answering the most salutary purposes to the Society — and indeed the Opinion of the Grand Lodge, fully justifies my Ideas; for there are not, at this time, more than 12 or 14 Lodges who dissent, but those dissentients give a great deal of trouble, owing to their having the property of the Society so much in their power, that I'm afraid we shall be obliged to File a Bill in Chancery for the recovery thereof. This Property stands in the Bank, amounting to £1300; and is there invested in the Names of the Treasurer, and his two Sureties. One of those Sureties refuses to give up the Money, according to the directions of the Grand Lodge; and as the Obligees are of the same Opinion — *A Bill in Equity* is our only remedy. The Incorporation is therefore at a stand till the determination of this point, which is the principal Obstacle to its Execution. As soon as anything farther is done, you may depend on hearing from me. I have Inclosed the Grand Treasurer's account of Contributions at the last Grand Lodge, for your Information; and trust you will be kind enough to forward the several Pacquets agreably to their directions — which will greatly oblige

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant
and Faithful Brother
JAS HESELTINE G.S.

HENRY PRICE Esqr at Boston
P.G.M. for America.

[The above letter was brought over by "Capt Bumble."]

A LIST

of the voluntary Contributions made by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge. [See p. 211 *et seq.* of this volume. Autograph Signatures.]

			FEBRUARY 25th 1774.
John Rowe	One hundred Dollars.	Paid	30 ,, 0 ,, 0.
Abrm Savage	One Guinea	Paid	1 ,, 8 ,, 0.
John Box	One Guinea	Paid	1 ,, 8 ,, 0.
Joseph Gardner	one Guinea	Paid	1 ,, 8 ,, 0.
Tho: Brown	one Guinea	Paid	1 ,, 8 ,, 0.
John Box Junr	one Guinea	Paid	1 ,, 8 ,, 0.
Jos. Russell	Two Pounds Lmoney	Paid	2 ,, 0 ,, 0.
Job Prince	Sixteen dollars		4 ,, 16 ,, 0.
Richd Salter	One Guinea	Paid	1 ,, 8 ,, 0.
Thos Aylwin	One Guinea	Paid	1 ,, 8 ,, 0.
Nathl Patten	one Guinea		1 ,, 8 ,, 0.
Ebenr Bridgham	One Guinea	paid	1 ,, 8 ,, 0.

Edward Carnes	one Ginne	Paid	1 ,,	8 ,,	0.
Robt Williams	One Guinea		1 ,,	8 ,,	0.
John Inman	One Guinea	Paid	1 ,,	8 ,,	0.
James Selkrig	five Dollars	Paid	1 ,,	10 ,,	0.
Job Wheelwright	fore Dollars		1 ,,	4 ,,	0.
William Burbeck	Ten Dollars	Paid	3 ,,	0 ,,	0.
Peter Roberts	One Guinea	paid	1 ,,	8 ,,	0.
B. M. Holmes	one Guinea		1 ,,	8 ,,	0.
Samuel Barrett	two Pounds eight Shillings	Paid	2 ,,	8 ,,	0.
Henry Price	. . . . .	. .	6 ,,	0 ,,	0.
—— ——	. . . . .	Paid	1 ,,	8 ,,	0.
Benja Jackson	four dollars	. .	1 ,,	4 ,,	0.
Gabriel Johonnot	. . . . .	. .	3 ,,		
John Marston	one Guinea	Paid	1 ,,	8 ,,	0.
Wm Gooch	. . . . .	Paid	1 ,,	4 ,,	0.
Benj Loring	. . . . .	Paid	1 ,,	4 ,,	—
James Carter	. . . . .	. .		,, 12 ,,	—
Nicholas Vazeilhs	. . . . .	Paid	2 ,,	8 ,,	—
John Tiley	. . . . .	. .	1 ,,	2 ,,	11.
Archd McNeill	four dollors	. .	1 ,,	4 ,,	—
William Crafts	. . . . .	Paid	1 ,,	8 ,,	0.
Nathl Balch	4 Dollers	Paid	1 ,,	4 ,,	—
Joseph Ingersoll	. . . . .	Paid	1 ,,	8 ,,	—
John Joy	one Guiney	Paid	1 ,,	8 ,,	—
John Fleeming	One Guinea	. .	1 ,,	8 ,,	—
	Whole		£92 ,,	0 ,,	11
	Not paid		24 ,,	14 ,,	11
Paid Treasurer J. Gardner	. . . . .		£67 ,,	6 ,,	0.

[The original of the above is endorsed — as follows:
"Subscription for the Grand Stock Feby 25 5774."]

[The Letter of which the following is a Copy refers to one Benjamin Walcot, of Boston, a prisoner.]

The Grand Lodge is informed by the R: W: D: G: M That a Brother now a Prisoner here for Rebellion desired to Visit the Lodges the Request was made to him yesterday by an inhabitant of the Town who sais he is a Mason he was informed the request would be made to the Grand Lodge this Even: & their Sentiments communicated to him.

The Grand Lodge recomands to the Brother who is Prisoner a due consideration of the Second Grand Charge in the Constitution Book as he may not have the Book by him the following is Copy

A Mason is a peaceable Subject to the Civil powers wherever he resides or works & is never to be concerned in plots or conspiritys against the peace or welfare of the Nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior Magistrates; for as Masonry hath

been always injured by War, Bloodshed and Confusion, so ancient Kings & Princes have been much disposed to incourage the Craftsmen, because of their peaceableness & LOYALTY, whereby they practically answered the Cavils of their Adversarys & promoted the honor of the Fraternity, who ever flourished in times of peace. So that if a Brother should be a Rebel against the state he is not to be countenanced in his Rebellion however he may be pitied as an unhappy Man; & if convicted of no other crime, tho the LOYAL BROTHERHOOD *must and ought to disown his Rebellion, & give no Umbrage or Ground of political Jealousy to the Government for the time being;* they can't expell him from the Lodge, & his relation to it remains indefeasible.

Besides the above Law, tis difficult to know how the Brother can spend time out of prison from 7 to 10 OClock at Night — the Master of no Lodge in this City can permit a Vissitor to stay in the Lodge after he has received the Civilitys of a Mason, if his Company be disagreable to any one Member — our unhappy Brother while he persists in Rebellious principles will be disagreable to the members of each Lodge.

Grand Lodge, Quebec
1st September 1777.

[Letter of Tho. Brown to John Rowe Esq. G. M. See p. 220 of this volume.]

HALIFAX, OCTOBER 18. 1784.

Sir,

On Septr 6. I received your Letter bearing Date August 20. but my present Business, namely School-keeping, has prevented my replying 'till this time; and do now acquaint you, that I have in my possession, a bound Book of Records, a large Silver Seal, the Secretary's Jewel and Collar, a Subscription Book, and a File of Papers, all belonging to the Grand Lodge, under your Jurisdiction, which I brought from Boston, while in the Office of Grand Secretary; and do assure you, that considering the Antiquity of the Records, and the usefulness of the Seal and Jewel to your Grand Lodge, am surprized that no earlier Application has been made to me respecting them, — for my own part, I view them as consequential Matters, and unfit to be trusted in the hands of any *indifferent Man* — and *no other* to my knowledge has appeared here from Boston, since your Request reached me. I am ready and willing to deliver the Articles to any Person properly authorized either by the Grand Lodge or yourself to receive them, and give me a Receipt for them.

Inclosed is my Account with the Grand Lodge, by which you will find a Balance of £3., 9,, 10 Lawful Money due to me as Grand Secretary, which is strictly just, and which I think the Lodge can have no reasonable objection against discharging immediately; and which I as a faithful, laborious Servant in my late Office have a right to expect, and my present Circumstances

urge for, and shall depend upon its being done by the Person who may be authorized to call on me for the Articles you request.

I have also a bound Book of Bye-Laws, and a bound Book of Records, the Property of the Second Lodge, which I am willing to deliver with the other Matters, if requested.

I am with all due Respect
Sir,
Your most humble Servant,
THO: BROWN.

JOHN ROWE, Esqr

IV.

MASONIC EXTRACTS FROM AN UNPUBLISHED DIARY OF JOHN ROWE, GRAND MASTER FROM 1768–1787.

Oct. 26. 1764. Spent the Evening at the Grand Lodge with Jeremy Gridley Esqr — Robert Jenkins Senr John Box Senr Brother Price, James Forbes, Edm^d Quincy Junr Richd Gridley, Thos Walley, Jos Man, Job Wheelwright, John Cutler Archibald McNeal, Joseph Russell, John Box jun^r & Thos Urann — came home about nine of Clock, * * * * * *

Oct 29. 1764. Spent the Evening at Mrs Cordis with the Freemasons, Mr Price. Mr Robt Jenkins Mr Richd Gridley, Mr Edmund Quincy Junr, M^r McNeal, Mr John Cutler Mr Jno Box Senr Mr Jno Box Junr, Job Wheelwright, Thos Urann & Brother Joy made Two Brothers, Thos Downs & Mr Braley.

Fryday November 2^d 1764. Spent the Evening at the Masters Lodge with the following Brethren Bro Jery Gridley, Bro Richd Gridley Bro Price Bro^r John Box Senr Bro Edm^d Quincy Junr Bro Calendar Bro^r John Box Junr Bro Joy Bro Wheelwright Bro McNeal Bro Johnnot Bro^r Man Brother Savage Bro^r Urann Moses Pitcher Bro^r Fitch Bro^r Cutler.

Wednesday November 24. 1764. Spent the Evening at Mrs Cordis with Mr Jerry Gridley Mr Henry Price Mr Richd Gridley Bro Robt Jenkins. Bro John Box Senr Bro Jno Box Junr Bro^r Edm^d Quincy Junr Bro Thos Brown, Bro Archibald McNeal Bro Savage Bro^r Doctor Gardiner Bro John Cutler. Bro^r Joy, Bro^r Wheelwright Bro Russell. Bro Wm Jackson Bro Lewis Gray — these Gentlemen were of Committee to Adjust the Lodge Acco^ts.

Wednesday December 19, 1764. Clear Cold Weather. Wind N^o West, continued very cold all the whole Day — din'd at home could not go to Cambridge for the Severity of the Weather — Spent the Evening at the Free Masons Lodge with the following Brethren,

R. W. Bro Jerry Gridley
J. Rowe
Bro Jno Box Senr
Richd Gridley
Hugh McDaniel
Bro Jno Cutler Master
Wm Jackson Senr Warden
Sam Fitch Jun Warden
Thos Downe
Thos Urann

Edm^{d} Quincy Junr
Saml Swift
Jno Box Junr
James Jackson
Wm Lee Perkins
Wm Tyng
And Lapier
Nath Hurd
Christo Clark
Archibald McNeal
Henry Simpson
Geo Jefferys
Moses Pitcher
Richd Salter
Joseph Russell
Abram Savage
Seth Blodgett
Jno Bernard
Jno Perkins
Jno Rice, Made this Evening Bro Bradley.

December 27, 1764.

Din'd with the Brethren of St Johns Lodge being the Anniversary Feast of St. Johns Lodge at which were Present the follow^{g} Brethren.

Jerry Gridley Esq.

Jno Joy	Jno Amiel	Henry Price
And Casneau	Mr Pourier	J Rowe
Jos Mann	Ph Dumaresq	Robt Jenkins
J. Wheelwright	Edm^{d} Quincy J^{r}	Richd Gridley
J. Box Junr	Lewis Gray	Arch. McNeal
Sam Quincy	James Jackson	Abram Savage
Sam Fitch	Wm Jackson	J. Cutler
Shubal Hews	Wm Perkins	Jno Box Senr
Hugh McDaniel	Thos Dawes	Jno Gardner
Seth Blodget	Elias Dupee	Edm^{d} Quincy Junr
John Bryant	John Perkins	Wm Tyng
George Gardner	And Lapier	And. Johnnot
Christo Clark	Jno Blake	Jos Goldthwait
		James Charity.

with the aforesaid Company We Spent the Day very agreeably & very Joyfully — I dont Remember St John as long as I have belong'd to the Fraternity has been Celebrated with more Decorum & More pleasure.

Monday January 21st 1765.

Spent the Evening at the Royal Exchange with the Grand Committee of Charity being R. W. Jerry Gridley Esq—Bro Price Brother Richd Gridley Bro Jno Cutler Bro Dr Gardiner Bro Edm^{d} Quincy Junr. Bro McNeal Bro Savage and Bro^{r} Fitch.

Fryday January 25, 1765.

Spent part of the Evening at Mr Blodgetts with the Grand Lodge. Jerry Gridley Esq. Bro Henry Price Bro Jenkins Senr Bro Forbes Bro Richd Gridley Bro Edm^{d} Quincy Junr Bro Jno Box Senr Bro Jno Box jun^{r} Bro McNeal Bro Savage Bro Jno Cutler Bro Joy Bro Man Bro Tyng Bro Wheelwright Bro Thos Brown Bro Walley.

Friday April 26, 1765.

Spent the Evening at Mr Blodgetts with the Grand Lodge,

Present, Jerry Gridley, Myself, Richard Gridley, Robt Jenkins Bro^{r} Jno Box Senr, Bro Jno Box jun^{r} Doctor Gardiner Bro: Savage Bro Cutler Bro Joy Bro Wheelwright Bro Man Bro Russell.

Fryday Aprill 25, 1766.

Spent the Evening at Mr Blodgetts With the Grand Lodge vizt Jerry Gridley Esq Bro H Price Bro Jenkins Bro Richd Gridley Bro Jno Box Senr Bro Dr Jos Gardner Bro McNeal Bro Savage Bro Walley Bro Cutler Bro Quincy Junr Bro Jno Box Junr Bro Fitch Bro Joy, Bro Wheelwright Bro Russell Bro Liddell, Bro Lewis Gray, and Bro Wm Tyng — this Evening a Committee from St Andrews Lodge presented A Memorial to the Grand Lodge upon which they appointed a Committee to meet them on Monday Evening and Adjourn'd to next Fryday Evening. [See p. 103 of this volume.]

Fryday May 2^{d} Spent the Evening at the Grand Lodge with Jerry Gridley Hugh McDaniel Robt Jenkins, Richd Gridley Edm^{d} Quincy Junr John Cutler Henry Leddell John Russell Saml Fitch Jos Gardner, John Russell Saml Fitch, Wm Tyng, Thos Walley, Joseph Gardner, Arch^{d} McNeal Wm Jackson and Bro John Box Junr & John Joy.

Tuesday June 24th 1766. St Johns Day, a fine morning. Wind west, din'd at Mr John Greatons of Roxbury with Jery Gridley Esq & Thirty-nine other Brethren of the Fraternity, there was an Elegant Entertainment.

Fryday, December 26, 1766.

Spent the Evening with the Free Masons Committee of Charity. Jerry Gridley Richd Gridley John Cutler Robt Jenkins Abram Savage, Archibald McNeal Mr Russell and Hugh McDaniel, at Colon^{l} Ingersolls.

April 24. 1767. Friday. Spent the Evening at the Grand Lodge with Richd Gridley, John Box Senr Robt Jenkins, Archibald McNeal, John Cutler John Box jun^{r} Capt John Bradford, Mr Loring Thos Walley Bro: Russell Bro Fitch Bro. Joy, Bro Savage.

24th June 1767 Wednesday.

Din'd at Mr Greatons with forty-three Brethren, I presided The Right Worshipfull Brother Gridley being Sick. The Brethren Present as Follows:

Myself, Bro Henry Price, John Box Senr, Hugh McDaniel, Archibald McNeal, Jno Cutler Abram Savage, Andrew Johnnot, Benj^{a} Loring, Wm Hickling Joseph Russell Thomas Brown Richd Salter, Caleb Blanchard, Edwd Blanchard, Jos Webb, Wm Jackson, James Jackson, Capt Jacobson, Colo Ingersol Saml Perkins, John Bryant, L. Cox, Wm Fitch Thos Wally, Nat Hurd, John Box junr, J Munro, John Marston Jona Amory, John Wharton, Thos Fleet, Thos Knight, J. Piemont, Francis Welch, Lewis Gray, Jos Gardner, Edwd Carnes, Wm Hoskins Edwd Church Daniel Jones Mr Flagg & Bro Clarke.

Thursday, August 27, 1767.

This afternoon The Grand Lodge met on the Affair of Concert Hall.

Fryday, September 4th 1767. Spent the Evening at the Grand Lodge, with the Masters and Wardens of the three Regular Lodges.

11th Sept. Friday. A Rainy Morning, Wind at East. Last Night at Eleven O'clock departed this Life Jerry Gridly Esqr Grand Master of Masons & Kings Attorney. * * * * The Brethren met together this Afternoon to Consult abo the Funeral procession of Our Brother Gridly to-morrow — Several Votes were past which will be Recorded in the Grand Lodge Book. [See p. 118 *et seq.* of this volume.]

12th Sept Saturday 1767. Cool & Fair Wind, in the Afternoon I attended the Funeral of Our Right Worshipful Jerry Gridly Esqr. Grand Master, as Deputy Grand Master, the Officers of his Regiment Marched in Order First, then the Brethren of St Andrews Lodge, then the Stewards of the Grand Lodge, then the Brethren Promiscuously two & two, then the Wardens of the Second Lodge, then the Wardens of the first Lodge, then the Wardens of the Masters Lodge, then the three Masters of the three Several Lodges — then the past Grand Officers & the Treasurer, then the Grand Wardens then myself as Deputy Grand Master, then the Tyler with the Grand Masters Jewell on a Black Velvet Cushion — the Corpse — the Bearers were the Lieut Governour, Judge Trowbridge, Justice Hubbard, John Erving Senr Esqr, James Otis Esqr & Mr Samuel Fitch. Then followed the Relations — after them the Lawyers in their Robes — then the Gentlemen of the Town & then a great many Coaches, Chariots, & chaises. — Such a multitude of Spectators, I never Saw at any time before since I have been in New England. — after his Body was Interr'd wee Return'd in Form to the Town house (from whence his corps was taken from at the Beginning of the Procession,) in the Same Order as wee first Walked. — I do not much approve of Such parade & Show — but as it was his & his Relations desire, I could not well Avoid giving my Consent. I think the Number of the Brethren that Attended was 161. — upon the Whole it was as well Conducted & in As Good Order as the Nature of it would admit. [See pp. 117–124 of this volume.]

Fryday, October 2d 1767.

Spent part of the Evening at the Grand Lodge at Colo Ingersols present. myself Bro. Jenkins Bro Jno Cutler — Bro McNeal Bro Savage Bro Wm Jackson Bro Fitch Bro Walley Bro John Joy Brother Box Senr & Brother Box Junior.

30th December, Wednesday. [1767]

Dined at Colonel Ingersols with the Free Masons at the Celebration of St John. Present Brother Henry Price G: M. Myself — — — D. G. M. Bro McNeal S. G. W. Bro Jno Cutler J. G. W.

Colo Whiting of Newhaven, Bro. Capt Smith Bro Benj^{a} Loring Bro John Joy Bro Phillip Dumaresq Bro Francis Welch Bro Benj^{a} Torrey, Colo Richd Gridley, Bro Thos Brown Jno Bryant, Brother John Box Senr Bro. Jno Box jun^{r} Bro Fitch, Bro Savage, Bro: Walley — Bro Russell, Bro Job Prince, Bro Edwd Carnes Bro Daniel Jones, Bro: Wm Jones. Bro Shub Hews Bro Joseph Gardner, Bro Joshua Gardner Bro: Christo Clark — Bro Lewis Gray — Bro: Moore, Bro Stephenson, Elk^{a} Jones, John Foster Williams, Bro. Joseph Henderson, Bro Palfrey, Bro John Blake, Bro Richd Salter Bro. Winslow Taylor, Bro Andrew Cazneau Bro Thos Knights Bro Munro Benj^{a} Homans Bro Henry Leddell, Bro Nat Hurd, Jno Johnson. Bro. Piemont 46. afterwards Wee were Joyned by Bro. Robt Jenkins Benj^{a} Jackson Henry Johnson 49.

Fryday Jany 22 [*1768*]

Spent the Evening at the Grand Lodge at Col^{o} Ingersolls, present, Bro Henry Price — Bro Richd Gridly Bro Hugh McDaniel, Myself, Bro Robt Jenkins Bro John Box Senr, Bro McNeal, Bro John Cutler, Bro Joseph Gardner, Bro Abram Savage Bro Wm Jackson, Bro James Jackson Brother John Box Junr Bro. Hickling Bro: Loring Bro Joseph Russell, Bro John Joy, Brother Thos Brown.

Monday Jany 25 [*1768*]

Very Stormy & Snow. — Spent an hour at Colo Ingersols with the Committee from the Grand Lodge. — Present — Bro: Price Brother McDaniel Bro Jenkins Bro Richd Gridley Bro Jno Box Junr Myself, Bro John Cutler Bro Wm Jackson & Brother Savage. [See p. 132 of this volume.]

24 June Fryday [*1768*]

St Johns Day. A Damp morning, Wind Southerly, Dined at Mr Greatons at Roxbury with the following Brethren. Bro Henry Price, Bro Richd Gridley, Bro Hugh McDaniel, Bro Box Senr & Junr Bro Abram Savage, Bro^{r} John Cutler, Bro Archibald McNeal, Bro^{r} Thos Walley, Bro Caleb Blanchard, Bro Doctor Gardiner Bro Dr Wm Lee Perkins, Bro Samuel Swift, Bro Fitch the Lawyer, Bro Capt Dunn, Bro Jos Gardner Shopkeeper, Bro Colo Ingersoll, Bro McDaniel Bookeeper Bro Capt Wm Jackson, Bro Deacon Danl Jones, Bro Joseph Russell, Bro^{r} James Jackson, Bro Thos Brown, Bro John Bryant, Bro Phillip Dumaresq, Bro Francis Welsh, Bro Benj^{a} Loring, Bro Lewis Gray, Bro Joseph Henderson, Bro Richd Salter, Bro Winslow Taylor, Bro Benj Homans — Bro William Burbank, Bro Joseph Webb, Bro Elish Avery, Bro Wm Jones, Bro Nat Hurd, — Bro And Johnnot, Bro Wm Hickling, Bro Thomas Fleet, Bro Benj Jackson, Bro Romny Bro Marsten Bro Joseph Calendar, Bro Philip Dumaresq, Brother Paschal Nellson Smith, Bro Thos Phillips, Bro George Spooner, Bro Edwd Carnes Bro Peter Roberts, Bro Wm Hoskins, Bro Wm Gooch Bro. John Piemont, Brother Lemuel Cox, Bro Levi Jennings. Wee Spent the Afternoon very Agreably.

5 October Wednesday [1768]

After Dinner a Committee from the Grand Lodge, Bro Richd Gridley Bro Jenkins & Bro John Cutler they Presented Mee the Commission from the Duke of Beaufort appointing Mee Grand Master of N^{o} America. [See p. 138 of this volume.]

23^{d} November Wednesday [1768]. A fine Morning, W. West.

I had the honour & pleasure of being Installed Grand Master of Masons for North America at Concert Hall this Morning, this was a very Solemn Ceremony, after the Installation the Whole Fraternity proceeded in Order and marched in Procession from Concert Hall Round the Town House, accompanied with Two Bands of Musick the 59 & 64 Regiments to Trinity Church, The Revd Mr Walter Read Prayers & Our Worthy Brother the Revd Mr Bass of Newberry Preached from the 21st Chapter of St John & part of the 20th Verse — The Disciple whom Jesus loved — after Service wee Returned in Procession to Concert Hall & dined on an Elegant Entertainment provided by a Committee Appointed by the Grand Lodge, there were One hundred and thirty-four Brethren present. Wee spent the Afternoon very Chearfully & in Good Order, which did honour to the Craft. I came home at Eight of Clock in the Evening. [See pp. 148–161 of this volume.]

30 November Wednesday [1768]

Spent the Evening at Free Masons Lodge.

14 December Wednesday [1768]

Spent the Evening at the Free Masons Lodge at Colo Ingersolls, Twenty-Six in Company.

27 December Tuesday [1768] A fine Day.

Wee Celebrated the Feast of St John at Colo Ingersolls where Wee had a very Elegant Dinner & 48 present. [See p. 163 of this volume.]

John Rowe	William Jones	Winslow Taylor
Richd Gridley	Wm Coffin Senr	Joseph Callender
Hugh McDaniel	Christopher Clark	George Spooner
John Box Senr	Capt Blake	Daniel Jones
Jno Box jun^{r}	Capt Hunter	Peter Roberts
Archibald McNeal	Thos Fleet	Wm Jones
Abram Savage	Wm Jackson	Wm Hoskins
John Cutler	James Jackson	Wm Gooch
Saml Fitch	Joseph Jackson jun^{r}	Jacob McDaniel
James Otis	Bro Thos Walley	Lemuel Cox
Joseph Ingersol	Joseph Gardner	Jno Briant
Joseph Russell	Andrew Johnnot	Benj^{a} Homans
John Nazro	Benj^{a} Loring	Edwd Carnes
Job Prince	Wm Hickling	Elisha Avery
Thos Knight	Thos Brown	Lewis Gray
Robt Jenkins	John Marston	Benj^{a} Jackson.

27 Janry Fryday [1769]

Spent the Evening at the Grand Lodge. Present — MySelf, Bro.

Richd Gridley Bro Jenkins Bro Jno Box Senr Brother McNeal Bro Jno Cutler Bro Wm Jackson Bro Sam Fitch Bro Savage, Bro Jos Gardner, Bro. Fleet Bro Thos Brown, Bro Wheelwright Bro Job Prince Bro Russell.

24 June Saturday [*1769*]. St John's Day. Very hot. Wind at South, din'd at the Kings Arms on Boston Neck with the Free Masons. [See p. 173 of this volume.]

A Very Elegant Dinner. Present.

MySelf	Bro Dr Lee Perkins	Bro. Balch
Bro Richd Gridley	Bro Wm Jones	Bro Stavers
Bro Hugh McDaniel	Bro Jery Wheelwright	Bro James McDaniel
Bro Jno Box Senr	The Revd Bro Cotton	Bro Leigh
Bro Jno Box jun^{r}	Bro Jos Ingersoll	Bro Hickling
Bro Henry Price	Bro Jno Marston	Bro Loring
Bro Jno Cutler	Bro Jos Russell	Bro Dumaresq
Bro Arch^{d} McNeal	Bro Edwd Carnes	Bro Joseph Henderson
Bro Abram Savage	Bro John Head	Bro Hartly.
Bro Thos Brown	Bro Clark of Milton	
Bro Tim^{o} Folger	Bro Gerrish of Newberry	
Bro Caleb Blanchard	Bro Joseph Webb	
Bro Saml Fitch	Bro Thos Knights	
Bro Wm Coffin Senr	Bro John Joy	
Bro Dr Roberts	Bro James Jackson	
Bro Dr Jos. Gardiner	Bro Benj^{a} Jackson	

27 Decem^{r} Wednesday [*1769*] St Johns Day, fine Weather.

Din'd at Colo Ingersolls with the Brotherhood. Present My Self, Colo Gridley, Mr Saml Fitch, James Otis Esqr John Box Senr John Box jun^{r} Mr John Cutler Mr Archib^{d} McNeal, Mr Wm Jones, Dr Jos Gardner, Mr Jos Calendar Mr Thos Knight Capt John Copethorn Capt Jno Blake, Mr Lewis Gray Mr Abram Savage, Mr Thos Brown, Capt Job Prince, Mr Edwd Carnes, Mr Smith of the Beaver, Jos Russell Joseph Jackson jun^{r} Wm Jackson Mr Hanners from the West Indies Robt Jenkins Mr Saml Calef Mr Edm^{d} Quincy Junr Mr Job Wheelwright Mr Barnard, Mr Williams Mr Saml Swift Mr Jos: Calendar Mr Richd Salter.

2^{d} April Monday [*1770*] [See p. 178 of this volume.]

Afternoon I attended the Funeral of my old Acquaintance Brother Hugh McDaniel & was one of his Bearers together with John Erving Esqr Mr Peter Chardin Jos Henshaw Esq. Mr Wm Coffin Senr & Mr Timothy Fitch. The Brotherhood walk'd in Procession before the Corps & made a handsome Appearance.

26 June Tuesday [*1770*] a fine morning W. N.–W. I din'd at Greatons at Roxbury with the Free Masons. Present. [See p. 179 of this volume.]

MySelf	Bro Burbeck	Bro Chris Prince
Bro Richd Gridley	Bro Wheelwright	Bro Nat Patten
Bro Box Senr	Bro Jos. Webb	Wm Barrett
Bro H. Price	Bro Wm Jones	Peter Roberts

Bro R. Jenkins
Bro John Cutler
Bro Ar. McNeal
Bro Abr Savage
Bro Thos Walley
Bro Thos Knight
Bro Job Prince
Bro Edwd Carnes
Bro Jno Bryant
Bro Clark of Milton
Bro Capt Jacobson
Bro Jno Box Junr
Bro H. Leddell
Bro Loring
Bro Thos Bracket
Bro John Joy
Bro Thos Fleet
Bro Jos Russell
Bro Thos Brown
Bro Ezekl Price
Bro Lewis Gray
Bro Bowers
Bro Jno Marston
Bro Dumaresq
Bro McCarthy
Bro George Spooner
Bro John Munro
Bro Mat. Hutchins
Benj. Jackson
Jacob McDaniell
Wm Turner
Capt De Silvier
Mungo McKay
Hulda Slocum
Jno Foster Williams.

27 December Thursday [*1770*] Snow for the third time. St Johns Day I din'd at Colo Ingersoll with my Brethren the Free Masons. Present.

My Self Bro Gridley Bro H Price, Bro Blake, Bro Jos Goldthwait, Bro Savage Bro Archd McNeal, Bro Cutler Bro Smith Bro Propert, Bro Job Prince Bro Carnes Bro Palmes Bro Barnard Bro Wheelwright Bro Calendar, Bro Clark Bro Saml Fitch Bro Wm Jones Bro Knight Bro Tho Walley Bro Jos Russell Bro Tho Brown Bro Gray Bro Dumaresq, Bro Barrett Bro Roberts Bro Benja Loring Bro Fleet Bro Ben Jackson Bro Wm Gooch, Matthew Hutchins, Lewis Gray Mr. Alwine Jos: Ingersoll John Perkins Willm Turner Wm Barrett Shuball Hews Jos Henderson James Selkrigg Peter Roberts & Saml Torrey. [See p. 181 of this volume.]

25 June Tuesday [*1771*] very fine Weather. I din'd at Mr Bracket's with the Free Masons at the Celebration of St John present 32. [See p. 187 of this volume.]

MySelf Bro Henry Price Bro Richd Gridley, Bro Robt Jenkins Bro Jos: Gardiner Bro Wm Coffin Bro John Cutler Bro Abram Savage Bro Jos Russell Bro Joseph Palmes Bro John Dean Bro Jos Dean Bro Archd McNeal Bro Wm Jones Bro Jos: Carnes Bro McDaniel Bro Wm Gooch Bro Thos Knight Bro Burbank, Bro Clark, Bro Hutchins Bro Thos Fleet, Bro Wm Barrett Bro Wm Turner, Bro Peter Roberts Bro John Box jun Bro Benj Jackson, Bro Saml Swift Bro Joy, Bro Barnard Bro. —

27 December Fryday [*1771*] Still Cold, a Little milder than Yesterday. St John's Day. I din'd at Colo Ingersolls with the Brethren, 41 Present. [See p. 191 of this volume.]

MySelf, Colo Gridley Mr Robt Jenkins, Old Mr Coffin Bro McNeal Capt Blake Bror John Cutler Brothr Savage Bror Wm Turner Bro Job Prince Bro Jos Carnes, Bro Marston Bro Wheelwright, Bro Bernard Bro Knight Bro Thos Brown Bro Folger Bro McDaniel Bro Thos Fleet, Bro Clark of Milton Bror Jackson, Bro Benja Holmes Bro Haynes Bro McKay Bro Bridgham Bro Gardner

Bro Ingersoll Bro Calendar Bro Box jun^{r} Bro Russell Bro Dunday Bro Smith Bro Wm Jones Bro Henderson Bro Loring Bro Hutchins Bro McCarthy Bro Roberts Bro Blodgett Bro Scarb^{o} Gridly Bro Wm Gooch Bro Dumaresq Bro^{r} Homans.

24 June Wednesday [*1772*] St Johns Day, Dr Warren & his Lodge walkd in procession to Dr Byles Church where A Sermon was Preached by Mr Saml Fairweather—I dind with the Lodges under my Care at Brother Bracketts. [See p. 194, also pp. 240 *et seq.* of this volume.]

Present.

MySelf, Bro Price Bro Jenkins Bro Fitch, Bro Benson, Bro^{r} Balch, Bro Cutler, Bro Savage, Bro McNeal, Bro Brown, Bro Jones, Bro Coffin, Bro Wheelwright, Bro Knight, Bro Carnes, Bro Fleet, Bro Benj Jackson. Bro Roberts Bro Box Senr Bro Box Junr Bro Dumaresq, Bro Hutchins, Bro Gooch, Bro Ingersoll Bro Leddell, Bro Gardner, Bro Bridgham, Bro Welch, Bro Spooner, Bro Saml Barrat Bro Dr Church, Bro Fleming Joseph Adams, Bro Jennings Bro Hews, Bro Christie Bro Joy & Bro Homans.

27 June [*1772*] *Saturday.*

Dr Church & others petitioned mee to be set off to Another Lodge. [See p. 195 of this volume.]

29 June [*1772*] *Monday* Dr Church p^{d} mee a Visit after Dinner ab^{o} the Matter of the New Lodge.

24 July Fryday [*1772*]

I Spent the Evening at the Grand Lodge with Bro Jenkins Bro Box Senr Bro Box jun^{r} Bro Cutler Bro Savage Bro Fleet, Bro Gooch Bro Joy and Bro Homans.

28 December [*1772*] *Monday* The Weather Soft W. W.N.W. I din'd at Colo Ingersolls with the Brethren being the Celebration of St John. Present.

MySelf, Bro: Henry Price, Bro. Richd Gridley Bro John Box Senr Bro John Box Junr Bro Arch^{d} McNeal Bro. Thos Brown Bro Church Bro Dr Gardner Bro Williams Bro Jno Cutler Bro Abram Savage Bro Jos Ingersoll Bro Thos Fleet: Bro Jos Calendar, Bro Carnes — Bro Job Prince, Bro Jacobson, Bro Jno Bryant Bro: Eben Bridgham, Bro John Fleming Bro Benj^{a} Jackson Bro Jno Gray Bro Jno Hitch Bro Willm Jackson Bro Mathew Hutchins, Bro Thos Knight Bro: James Selldrigg Bro Jno Joy, Bro Job Wheelwright Bro Sam Lloyd Bro Shuball Hews Bro Homans. Wee Spent the Day very Cheerfully. [See p. 198 of this volume.]

29 Janry Fryday [*1773*] very smart Cold. W.N.W.

Spent the Evening at Colo Ingersolls with the Members of the Grand Lodge. [See p. 199 of this volume.] Present.

MySelf. Bro Jno Cutler Bro Abram Savage Bro Jenkins Bro Archibald McNeall Bro Jno Box Bro Jno Box jun^{r} Bro Richd Salter Bro Jos Russell Bro Saml Fitch Bro Thos Knight Bro Job Prince Bro Doctor Church Bro Fleming Bro Thos Browne, Bro Eben^{r}

Bridgham Bro Dr Joseph Gardner Bro Patten Bro Lloyd Bro Jos Carnes Bro James Otis Brother Skee Bro Homans.

24 June [1773] Thursday. St Johns Day. fine weather.

I attended the Brethren at their Feast at Brackets on Boston Neck Present.

MySelf, The Worshipfull Dr Warren who favourd the Lodges with his Company. [See p. 204 of this volume.]

Bro Henry Price Bro Robt Jenkins. Bro Archibald McNeall Bro Job Prince Bro Abram Savage, Bro Sam Fitch Bro Jos Gardner Bro Thos Brown Bro John Box Bro Thos Knights Richd Salter Gabriel Johnot Eben Bridgham Jno Inman Jno Box junr Hawes Hatch Benja Loring Willm Gooch Job Wheelwright Mathew Hutchins Estes How Nat Barber junr Edwd Carnes Jno Steel Tyler. Caleb Blanchard, John Marston, Joseph Ingersoll Richd Clark. Abraham Ozier, Henry Leddell Willm Welshman Wm Burbeck Wm Palfrey Thos Alywin Esq. Alexr Mackey. Jno Boies Shubal Hews Thos Fleet Jona Pierpoint, Jonathan Amory Wm Tyler John Silby John Joy Sam Lloyd Peter Roberts & Benja Homans.

Wee Spent the Day agreeably & very Cheerfully.

2 Nov [1773] Tuesday. Mr Rowe writes of the "Advertisement" "stuck up at almost every corner" requesting Freemen to meet at "Liberty Tree this day at Twelve o'clock," "Nov 3. 1773. O. C. Secretary."

Nov 3d 1773 The Gentlemen to whom the Tea was Supposed to be Consignd did not obey the Summons and make their appearance at Liberty Tree, (as per Advertisement) upon which the Sons of Liberty appointed a Committee to go & Wait of them to know their Determination, upon which this Committee with a Large Concourse of People went from Liberty Tree to the Store of Mr Richd Clark & Sons at the Bottom of Kingstreet where they found Mr Richard Clark Mr Benja Faneuill the Governour[s] two Sons & Mr Jos Winslow of Marshfield who are the Gentlemen These Teas are supposed to be Consignd too.

There was Severall of their Friends there with them Colo Hatch of Dorchester Judge Lee of Cambridge Mr Nat Cary Mr Thos Laughton Mr Jno Winslow & many others.

Mr Mollineaux as Chairman of this Committee then Read to them a paper & produced another which they Requird them to sign &c — Mr Richd Clark & the other Gentlemen gave them for Answer — they would not Comply with their Request, or words to that purpose — this was an Unexpected Answer to them & has given them much Displeasure.

The principall People that accompanied Mr Mollineaux were as Follows — Mr Saml Adams, Mr Wm Dennie, Mr John Pitt, Colo Heath of Roxbury Dr Church Dr Warren Dr Young Capt Jno Matchet Capt Hopkins Nat Barber Gabriel Johnnot Ezekl Chever & about five hundred more as near as I could Guess.

17 November [*1773*] *Wednesday.*

This morning Capt Siot arrived from London: he Brings advice that Hall, Loring Coffin & Bruce are to Bring the Tea from the East India Company this [is] a measure that [is] Generally disaproved & will Remain the Great Occasion of Disagreement between England & America.

18 November [*1773*] *Thursday.* Very Pleasant.

Last night A Considerable Body of People paraded thro the Streets & attacked the House of Mr Richard Clark One of his Family fird a Gun from the House but Luckily did no Hurt they Broke all his Windows & Window Frames — but very Little other Damage. This morning a Town Meeting was Calld on this & the Tea affair. Another Committee Chose. the Gentlemen to whom the Tea is Consigned are still Resolv'd to Pursue such orders as they may Receive.

19 November [*1773*] *Fryday.*

This day the Gentlemen to whom the Tea is Consigned Petition'd the Governor & Councill Relative [to] their Affairs.

23^{d} November [*1773*] *Tuesday.*

The Governor & Councill Met this morning On The Tea Matters.

28 November [*1773*] *Sunday.* this morning was Bro^{t} me a threatening letter Sign'd Determined which is On File. this agitated my mind. I did not go to Church. * * * * Capt Hall arrived from London. Great Noise ab^{o} the Tea on board of Capt Hall.

29 November [*1773*] *Monday.* This morning there were papers Stuck Up to the following Purpose —

FRIENDS BRETHREN Countrymen!

That worst of Plagues The detestable Tea Ship'd for this Port by the East India Company is now arrived in this harbour. the Hour of Destruction or manly Opposition to the Machinations of Tyranny Stares you in the Face: every Friend to his Country, to himself & Posterity is now call'd upon to meet at Faneuill Hall at Nine oClock this Day (at which time the Bells will begin to Ring) to make A United and Successful Resistance to this last, worst & most Destructive Measure of Administration. Boston Novr 29. 1773.

In Consequence of the above notification About One thousand People Met at Faneuill Hall where they past a Vote that they would at All Events Return this Tea, from Faneuill Hall they adjourned to the Old South Meeting[-house]. Afternoon, they met again & adjourned untill the morning, there was in the Meeting this afternoon ab^{o} Twenty five hundred People as near as I Could guess.

November 30 [*1773*] *Tuesday.*

The Body met again this morning. The Govr Sent them a Message advising them to depart at their Perill — they took but

Little Notice of the Message — they met again this Afternoon. I told them that I had Purchas'd A Cargo for Capt Bruce Ship — that it was on the Wharff & that Capt Bruce when he arrivd would apply to The Body. & that I would Endeavour to prevail on him to act with Reason in this Affair & that I was very Sorry he had any Tea On Board — & which is very True for it hath Given me Great Uneasiness.

I staid some time at the Meeting & was Chose a Committee Man much against my Will but I dare not say a word. * * * *

After Dinner I was sent for by The Body by Two Messengers, John Ingersoll & Jos Eyres. This was at the Motion of Mr Hancock. I wish he had Omitted it.

2 December [1773] Thursday.

Capt Bruce arrived this morning from London.

3^{d} December [1773] Fryday.

This morning Capt Bruce & I was sent for by the Committee Relative [to] the Tea on board him — they order'd him to Griffins Wharff — & gave him the same Directions as to Capt Hall.

7 December [1773] Tuesday. Cold weather. W.N.W.

Afternoon, I, attended the Funeral [of] Mr Robt Jenkins, he being A Brother was buried in Form the Masons of the Severall Lodges walking in Procession with their Jewells & White Aprons — I was a pall-holder with Bro Price Bro Warren Bro Box Bro Cutler & Bro^{r} McNeall.

8 December [1773] Wednesday. — * * * * *

Capt Coffin arriv'd in Nantasket Road with the Small Pox & part of the Tea.

11 December [1773] Saturday.

This Forenoon A Committee was Sent to Mee ab^{o} Bruce's Ship — Dr Warren Wm Mollineaux John Pitts — to know when She would be unloaded & many other Questions.

16 December [1773] Thursday, * * * *

The Body Meeting in the Forenoon adjournd untill Afternoon. Broke up at Dark.

Severall Things passd between Mr Rotch & them

A Number of People Appearing In Indian Dresses went on board the three Ships Hall Bruce & Coffin. they Opin'd the Hatches, hoisted Out the Tea & flung it Overboard, this might I believe have been prevented. I am sincerely Sorry for the Event.

Tis said near two thousand People were present at this Affair.

18 December [1773] Saturday * * * *

The Affair of Destroying the Tea makes Great Noise in the Town — tis a Disastrous Affair & some People are much Alarm'd. I Can truly Say, I know nothing of the Matter nor who were Concernd in it. I would Rather have Lost five hundred Guineas than Capt Bruce should have taken any of this Tea on board his Ship.

27 December 1773 Monday. St Johns Day. * * * I din'd

at Colo Ingersolls with the Brethren Free Masons under my Jurisdiction. Present. MySelf, Bro McNeall, Bro^{r} Dr Gardiner Bro Savage, Bro Wm Jackson, Bro Russell, Bro Aylwin, Bro Thos Knights Bro Ingersoll, Bro Jno Inman, Bro Wm Perry, Bro Jno Box Junr Bro Tyler, Bro Sam Swift, Bro Thos Brown, Bro Job Prince Bro Edwd Carnes Bro Salter Bro Jno Marston Bro Welshman Bro Henry, Bro Hutchins Bro Thos Fleet, Bro Sellkrigg, Bro Williams Bro Patten Bro Morgan Bro Silby, Bro Dr Winship Bro Edm^{d} Quincy Bro Roberts Bro Nat Coffin Junr Bro Burbeck & Bro Homans. [See p. 206 of this volume.]

31 December [1773] Fryday. * * * * *

The People of Charlestown collected what Tea they could find in The Town & burnt it in the View of A thousand Spectators.

There was found in the House of One Withington of Dorchester About half a Chest of Tea the People gather'd together & took the Tea Brought it into the Common of Boston & Burnt it this Night about Eleven of Clock. This is Suppos'd to be part of the Tea that was taken Out of the Ships and floatd over to Dorchester.

28 January [1774] Fryday. * * *

I Spent the Evening at Colo Ingersolls with the Brethren of the Severall Lodges in Boston under my Direction being on a Very Amiable & Good Design So as to make the Fraternity more Uniform & Respectable. [See p. 206 of this volume.]

Present. MySelf G. M. Henry Price P. G. M. Abram Savage S G W. Sam Fitch J G W. Thos Brown G Secretary John Box P. G. W. John Cutler P.G.W. John Box jun^{r} Richard Salter Shubael Hews Mungo Mackey John Joy John Inman, Benj^{a} Mulberry Holmes, Peter Roberts, Saml Cox, Job Wheelwright Benj^{a} Church Robt Williams, Saml Lloyd, Eben^{r} Brigham Mathias Hutchins, David Ingersoll Esqr Job Prince, Joseph Russell, Thos Knight, James Selkrigg Edwd Carnes, Sam Barret Thos Aylwin Esq, James Jackson, Nat: Patten, Nathl Balsh John Bryant, John Marston, Wm Jones, & The Tyler.

Wee Adjourn'd to this day fortnight & chose a Committee to prepare A Draft.

11 Febry [1774] Fryday. * * * * * *

I Spent the Beginning of the Evening at Colo Ingersolls with the members of the Grand Lodge. [See p. 210 of this volume.] Present.

MySelf, G. M. John Box P: G. W — Abram Savage S.G.W. Sam Fitch J.G.W. Thomas Brown Grand Secretary — Our Brother Brattle of Cambridge John Box jun^{r} Richard Salter John Inman Benj^{a} Mulberry Homes Job Wheelwright Mr Saml Cox, Robt Williams Saml Lloyd—Ebenezer Brigham, Matthew Hutchins David Ingersoll Esqr of Great Barrington, Archibald McNeall Joseph Calendar, Job Prince, Joseph Russell Thos Knight James Selkrigg Thos Aylwin Esq. Saml Barret, Edwd Carnes, John Bryant John Marston John Burbeck Mark Hopkins, Wm Tyng.

17 Febry [1774] Thursday, * * * * *

I spent the Beginning of the Evening with Brother Aylwin Bro Savage Bro Fitch Bro Gardiner & Bro Prince at Colo Ingersolls on Affairs of the Lodge.

25 Febry 1774 Fryday, * * * *

I Spent the Evening at Colo Ingersolls with the Brethren of the Grand Lodge — on Special Matters. [See p. 210 of this volume.] Present.

MySelf G. M. Bro. John Box Bro John Box jun^{r} Bro Abram Savage Bro Job Prince Bro Thos Brown Bro Richd Salter Bro John Inman Bro Job Wheelwright Bro Robt Williams Bro Sam Lloyd Bro Eben Bridgham Bro Hutchins Bro Jos Russell Bro Jos Calendar Bro Jos Gardner Bro Jam^{s} Selkrigg Bro Thos Aylwin Bro Nat Patten Bro Edwd Carnes Bro Burbeck.

16 March [1774] Wednesday. * * *

I Spent the Evening at Bro Prince's Lodge with him. Bro Salter Bro Benj Judson his Wardens Bro Abram Savage Bro John Box Senr Bro Jno Box jun^{r} Bro Archibald McNeal Bro Dr Church Brother Jon^{a} Snelling Bro Thos Urann Brother Aylwell Bro Jos Russell Bro Jno Inman Bro Peter Roberts Bro Eben Bridgham Bro Edwd Carnes Bro Joseph Calendar Bro Thos Brown Bro Gabriel Johnnot Bro Hatch Bro Thos Fleet Bro Doct^{r} Wyndship & Brother Homans & Bro Burbeck.

27 June 1774 Monday * * *

Town Meeting. the Hall so full they adjournd to the Old South Meeting house the Debates were for & against the Committee of Correspondence, very warm on both sides it Lasted all Day and adjournd till to morrow 10 of Clock. * * * The Speakers in Behalf of the Committee were Saml Adams Josiah Quincy jun^{r} Dr Warren, Dr Young Willm Mollineux Benj^{a} Kent. The Speakers against the Behaviour of the Committee were Treas^{r} Gray Thos Gray Saml Elliot Saml Barrat John Amory Edwd Paine Francis Greene Ezek Goldthwait.

28 June [1774] Tuesday * * * * * *

The Town met again at the Old South Meeting [house]. The Debates very Warm on both sides. I think are wrong. I mean the Committee are wrong in the Matter. The Merchants have taken up Against them they have in my Opinion exceeded their Power & the Motion was Put that they should be dismissed the Gentlemen that made & Supported this Motion could not obtain their Vote the Majority were four to One Against them this affair will cause much evill one against the other. I wish for Peace in this Town. I fear the Consequences.

14 July [1774] Thursday. * * *

This day a fast is Recommended by Some of the Ministers, on Acc^{t} of the miserable Situation of this Town. I cannot Reconcile this Measure & should much Rather the People would do Justice

& Recommend the Payment for the Tea instead of Loosing a Day by fasting.

22 Sep^t [1774] Thursday. * * *

This day is the Anniversary of his Majestys Accession to the Throne. I went to the Councill Chamber with the Govern^r Admirall & Many Other Gentlemen to drink the Kings Health and many other Loyall Toasts.

3 Novem^r [1774] Thursday. * * *

afternoon, I attended the Funerall of Brother Box and was a Bearer together with James Pitts Esq Dr Gardner Mr Chandon Mr Henderson Inches and Mr Gilbert Deblois it was a handsome Funerall. The Free Masons Walkd in Proper Form.

27 December [1774] Tuesday St Johns Day.

I Celebrated the Feast at Colo Ingersolls with the following Brethren

Bro Abram Savage Bro Saml Fitch Bro Dr Gardiner Bro Arch^d McNeile Bro Jos Carnes Bro Richd Salter Bro Eben Bridgham Bro John Inman Bro Natha Patten Bro Joseph Russell Bro James Otis Bro Matthew Hutchins Bro Jonathan Snelling Bro Jos Ingersoll Bro Mungo M^ckay Bro Wm Gooch Bro John Box Bro Thos Fleet Bro Job Wheelwright Bro Barnard Bro Fowle, Bro Doct^r Roberts, Bro Homans. [See p. 217 of this volume.]

28 March [1776] Thursday * * * *

This day The General Court made a handsome Entertainment at Capt Marstons that now lives in Colo Ingersolls house for Genl Washington & the Other Generals of the United Colonies — & the Revd Dr Elliot preachd at Dr Chauncys meeting a Sermon on the Occasion giving a History of what has hap'ned in Town during the Siege. — I dined with Twenty four Gentlemen at Watermans Tavern in Roxbury all Free Masons by Invitation — among them was Colo Clarke, Colo Parsons Colo Willis Colo Sergeant Capt Keys, Mr Webb Mr Chase. The Rest I dont know their Names.

8 Aprill [1776] Monday * * * *

afternoon, I went by Invitation of Brother Webb to attend the Funerall of the Remains of Dr Warren & went accordingly to the Councill Chamber with a Design to Attend & Walk in Procession with the Lodges under my Jurisdiction with Our Proper Jewells & Cloathing — but to my great Mortification was very much Insulted — by Some furious & hot Persons — with^o the Least Provocation, one of [the] Brethren thought it most Prudent for Mee to Retire. I accordingly did so. this has caused Some Uneasy Reflections in my Mind as I am not Conscious to myself Of doing any thing Prejudicial to the Cause of America either by Will, word or deed. The Corps of Dr Warren was Carried into Chapell Dr Cooper pray'd & Mr Perez Morton deliverd an Oration on the Occasion — Dr Warrens Bearers were — Genl Ward, Genl Fry Colo Gridley Dr Morgan Mr Moses Gill & Mr John Scollay. There was a handsome Procession of the Craft with Two Companys of Soldiers.

25 June [1776] Tuesday * * * * *

I dined at Cap Marstons with the Brethren of the Lodges under my Direction. Present, MySelf Bro Jos Webb Bro John Cutler Bro James Dennie, Bro John Fiske Williams Bro Wm Thompson Bro Jos Russell Bro Carnes Bro Thos Fleet, Bro Wynship Bro Homans Bro John Box & Brot Doctor Roberts, Bro Marston gave us A Good Dinner.

28 Decemr [1778] Monday. * * *

A Sermon was Preachd this day by Mr Howard at the Old Brick at the Request of St Andrews Lodge & the Money Collected giv'n to the Poor.

V.

HENRY PRICE'S LODGE IN LONDON.

It has long been a matter of interest and research to learn in what Lodge Henry Price, Esq, received the degrees in Masonry, and of what Lodge in London he was a member. The answer to the former query cannot as yet be given, but the following facts answer the latter, and trace his Lodge from Rainbow Coffee House, 1730, to Free Masons' Hall, 1886.

On the minute book of the Grand Lodge of England for the year 1730, the names of the sixty-three members of "Lodge No. 75, Rainbow Coffee House, York Buildings," are given. The fifty-third name in that list is that of HENRY PRICE. It is recorded on the tombstone of Henry Price, at Townsend, Mass., that "He was born in London about the year of our Lord 1697: he removed to Boston about the year 1723." (See Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 1871, p. 285.) Mr. Price, in his letter of Aug. 6, 1755, (See Appendix to this volume, p. 402.) to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, said, "I have some remote thoughts of once more seeing London, * * * after Twenty-Two years' absence." Mr. Price, therefore, visited London after his arrival in this country, and returned in 1733, probably bringing his deputation with him.

In the minute book of the Grand Lodge of England, the "List of Lodges 1730–32" designates the Lodge of which Henry Price was a member as "75 Rainbow Coffee House in York Buildings." The List of Lodges as recorded in said Book, 1736–39, adds to the name of the Lodge its date of constitution, viz.: "75 Rainbow Coffee House, York Buildings. 17th July, 1730." In the List of Regular Lodges, according to their seniority and constitution, of 1740, No. 75 appears under the number and name of "62 *Gun Suffolk St* July 17th 1730." In the List of Lodges of 1756, No. 62 becomes "37. Two Figures. At Putney. July 17th 1730." A new and corrected list of all the regular Lodges in 1770 (according to the dates of their constitution), by order of the Grand Master, ranks No. 37 of 1756, as "33. White Lion at Putney. July 17. 1730," which in 1781–82 becomes "29. Britannic Lodge, Star and Garter,

Pall Mall." The Lodge retained this latter name and continued meeting at the Star and Garter from 1792 to 1813, except in 1792, April 18, its number is changed from 29 to 27. In the "List of Lodges on the Roll of the United Grand Lodge of England, A.D. 1814," No. 27 becomes "42. Britannic Lodge, St James Street." This name has been retained until the present time, though the number has been changed. No. 42 of 1814 becomes No. 38 in 1832, which is changed to No. 33 in 1863. The Lodge is now enrolled as "33 Britannic L. Free Masons' Hall, London."

The transition from the names of the Masonic taverns, where the Lodges met, to distinctive Lodge names took place subsequent to 1768. Every Lodge in England prior to that time took the name of the tavern where it met. If it moved from "Two Figures" Tavern to "White Lion" Tavern, its designating name changed accordingly. Yet the Lodge retained its identity. The changes in the number of the Lodge resulted from erasures, prior to 1813, and afterward, from the Union which occurred in that year.

The following table indicates the changes in the number, the place of meeting, and the name of the Lodge in London, of which Henry Price was a member: —

No.	Name.	Place of Meeting.	Year.
75	Rainbow Coffee House	York Buildings.	1730.
62	Gun	Suffolk Street	1740.
37	Two Figures	At Putney	1756.
33	White Lion	At Putney	1770.
29	Britannic	Star and Garter, Pall Mall	1781.
27	Britannic	Star and Garter, Pall Mall	1792.
42	Britannic	St James Street	1814.
38	Britannic	St James Street	1832.
33	Britannic	St James Street	1863.
33	Britannic	Free Masons' Hall, London	1874.
33	Britannic	Free Masons' Hall, London	1886.

See "The Four Old Lodges and their Descendants" by Robert Freke Gould. London: 1879; and "Memorials of the Masonic Union of A.D. 1813," by William James Hughan. London: 1874.

VI.

PROPOSAL FOR A GRAND MASTER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.

[The Archives of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts contain the following correspondence. See pp. 284–289 of this volume.]

PHILADELPHIA, August 19th, 1780.

Sir:

I do myself the honor to address you, by order of the *Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons*, regularly constituted in the City of Philadelphia. This Grand Lodge has under its jurisdiction in

Pennsylvania and the States adjacent, *thirty-one* different regular Lodges, containing in the whole more than *one thousand* Brethren. Enclosed you have a printed abstract of some of our late proceedings, and by that of January 13th last, you will observe that we have, so far as depends *on us*, done that Honor which we think due to our illustrious Brother, GENERAL WASHINGTON, viz., electing him Grand Master over all the Grand Lodges formed or to be formed in these United States, not doubting of the concurrence of all other Grand Lodges in America to make this election effectual.

We have been informed by Col. Palfrey that there is a Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons in the State of Massachusetts, and that you are Grand Master thereof; as such, I am, therefore, to request that you will lay our proceedings before your Grand Lodge, and request their concurrent Voice in the appointment of *General Washington*, as set forth in the said Minute of January the 13th, (which, as far as we have been able to learn), is a Measure highly approved by all the brethren, as being for the honor and advancement of our Royal Art.

Your Answer, as soon as convenient, is requested by Sir,

Your affectionate Brother & Most obed^t humble Servant,

For the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

WILLIAM SMITH,
Grand Sec^y.

JOSEPH WEBB Esqr Boston.

BOSTON, September 4th, 1780.

Sir:

Your agreeable favor of the 19th ult., I duly received the 31st, covering a printed abstract of the proceedings of your Grand Lodge. I had received one before, near three months, from the Master of a travelling Lodge of the Connecticut Line, but it not coming officially, did not lay it before the Grand Lodge, but the evening after I received yours, it being Grand Lodge; I laid the same before them and had some debate on it, whereupon it was agreed to adjourn the Lodge for three weeks, to the 22d instant, likewise to write to all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction to attend themselves if convenient by their Master and Wardens, and if not, to give instructions to their proxys here concerning their acquiescence in the proposal.

I am well assur'd that no one can have any objections to so Illustrious a person as General Washington to preside as Grand Master of the United States, but at the same time it will be necessary to know from you his prerogative as such; whether he is to appoint sub-grand or Provincial Grand Masters of each State; if so, I am confident that the Grand Lodge of this State will never give up their right of electing their own Grand Master and other officers annually. This induces me to write to you now, before the result of the Grand Lodge takes place, and must beg an answer by the first opportunity, that I may be enabled to lay the same before them. I have not heard of any State except yours and this

that have proceeded as yet since the Independence to elect their officers, but have been hoping that they would.

I do not remember of more Grand Masters being appointed when we were under the British Government than South Carolina, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts, but now it may be necessary.

I have granted a Charter of Dispensation to New Hampshire till they shall appoint a Grand Master of their own, which suppose will not be very soon as there is but one Lodge in their State. Inclosed I send you a list of the officers of our Grand Lodge, and have the honour to be, with great respect and esteem,

Your affectionate Brother and humble servant,

JOSEPH WEBB,
Grand Master.

The Revd Dr WILLIAM SMITH,
Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge, Philadelphia.

[Oct 16th 1780, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in special session,] "appointed the Grand Secretary and Bro. Palfrey [of Boston] a Committee to prepare an answer to the above letter from the Grand Master of Massachusetts, and lay the same before this Lodge tomorrow evening, to which time this Lodge is adjourned."

[The answer prepared as above is in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and a copy may be found in the Early Records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Part 1, p. 20.]

BOSTON, Dec 11, 1780.

Rev^d S^r & Respected Brother,

Your agreeable Answer to my last I duly rec'd, & ye 1st inst being Grand Lodge & Quarterly Communication, I laid it before them, but as 6 or 7. of the Lodges were not represented, it was tho't best to Adjourn to the 2^d Friday in Jan. next, [See p. 286 of this volume.] & the Grand Sec^y was order'd to write to all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction informing them that they should then proceed on that business in particular. Those who were present were well satisfy'd by Your Answer. But should they Adopt the propos'd Election, the Season is so far Advanc'd, it will be difficult to send a Committee to the Convention by the time now propos'd. However if Bro^r Palfrey should continue with you, 'tis probable he will be one, & we may likewise Authorize some others out of the Massachusetts line of the Army, as it will be Expensive sending so far. However I should be glad of your Opinion on this Head.

My Respectfull Compliments to all Your G. Lodge, & Accept the same yourself from

y^r Affect^o Bro^r & H. Servt
J. WEBB.

To the Revd Dr SMITH,
Philadelphia.

[Extract from the Early Records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Part 1, p. 25.]

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

PHILADELPHIA, March 26th, 1781.

Right Worshipful WILLIAM BALL, Esq., G. Master.

10 Lodges represented.

A letter was read from the Grand Master of Massachusetts, enclosing the following resolve of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts [See p. 288 of this volume.]: —

As this Grand Lodge has not been acquainted with the opinions of the various Grand Lodges in the United States respecting the choice of a Grand Master General, and the circumstances of our public affairs making it impossible we should at present obtain their sentiments upon it; Therefore: Voted, That any determination upon the subject cannot with the propriety and justice due to the craft at large, be made by this Grand Lodge until a general peace shall happily take place through the Continent.

From the Grand Lodge records,
WILLIAM HOSKINS,
Boston, January 12th, 5781. Grand Secretary.

[The following document is in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the report being in the handwriting of Dr. John Warren, the remainder being in that of the Grand Secretary.]

The Committee Report that in their Opinion it will be expedient for this G. L. to comply with the Proposal made by the G. L. of Pennsylvania for forming a general Convention and they beg leave to recommend that the following Letter be written in Answer thereto.

As men and as Masons the Massachusetts Grand Lodge acknowledge themselves under great Obligations to the G. L. of Pennsylvania for their kind attention to the Interests of Masonry in General as well as for their laudable Disposition towards a friendly and fraternal Intercourse with this G. L. in particular.

After the reception of their favour of —— by the most worshipful G. M. Joseph Webb, Esqr an answer was returned acknowledging the same, but as matters of a serious nature respecting the Principles therein contained were then in Agitation a Committee was chosen to writ an answer to the several Propositions as soon as final Decision upon those Matters should take place.

It will appear by the Declaration of rights of the Massachusetts G^{d}. L^{d}., a true copy of which is herein inclosed, that this G. L. only adopted the Sentiment of a Secession from the G. L. of Scotland.

In the year 1777 application for Charters of Erection and Constitution, having been made by a number of Masons to the ancient G. L., of which the late Jos Warren Esqr. had been G^{d}. M., as

many of the officers of that G. L. as could be assembled, met in form of a G. L., the Deputy Grand G. M. then in the Chair. And after carefully attending to the Constitutions and Usages of Masons in all ages and the Principles upon which that G. L. existed, they were unanimously of Opinion that they could not legally grant Charters because the late G. M. J. W. held his Authority by Virtue of a Commission given to him only, as *provincial* G. M. and to be revoked at the Pleasure of the G. L. of Scotland, now the Principal being dead the Commission was of Consequence vacated.[1] They then assumed the Powers of a G. L.

From the foregoing the Principles then adopted by this G. L., upon which they have practised & from which they have never seen occasion to recede, may readily be collected.

What is said to be the prevailing Opinion among our Brethren of Pennsylvania is therefore exactly coincidant with the Sentiments as above avowed.

With respect to the 2d Circumstance mentioned in the Letter this G. L. is an Instance.

As to Applications for grand Warrants, it was originally the Opinion of this G. L. that the only proper Authority, for constituting G. L. in these sovereign states, was that which should be derived from the People — and that wherever a number of Lodges existed in a free sovereign & independent state, those Lodges had a right of Convening to erect a G. L. and it appears from the Book of Constitutions, that when by Reason of Revolutions in the State or the Neglect of the G. M. or G. L. Communications had been for some time discontinued, the Officers of the respective Lodges assembled, formed a G. L. & chose a G. M. accordingly. Should the G. L. of any one state delegate a Power to Masons in another state to hold a grand L., it is clear that the G. L. so constituted must be subjected to that from which the Power was derived, a Distinction which it was thought ought not to subsist between the G. Lodges of these United States.

The W. G. L. perceiving this, when associations were forming in another state, did not grant them a Charter in the usual stile, but a Dispensation to hold a Lodge and make Masons till there should be a G. L. in that state, an event which it was thought would probably take Place in each of the states in the Union.

Our sentiments with Respect to the first Query, contained in the Letter, are expressed above, and should each state adopt the Plan above mentioned it is probable the Evil mentioned in the 2 Query may be avoided, and as to the Application of particular Lodges to foreign G. Lodges as they can only be commissioned as provincial G. Lodges it appears improbable that the measure will in any Instance be adopted.

With respect to the fourth Query, It is the Opinion of this G. L. that the most elegible plann for the above purpose is to hold a

[1] You will observe where the book of Constitutions says in the absence of the Gd Mast the Deputy shall fill the Chair, it speaks of a principal Gd Lodge not of a Provincial G L

Chapter or Convention of deputies from the several G. L.s at least once in three years in some central State, where certain Articles may be agreed upon for the regulation of all the L-s in the different States which will prevent the interference of one G. L— with another. One of these Articles may be that should any Lodge in the United States apply & obtain a Commission for holding a G. L. from any foreign power, Such Masons shall not have the benifit of visiting or be received in any Lodge in the Union. One thing we heartily wish which is, that all the Modern G. L. may be invited to come into the Union & that there may be but one G. L. in each state. There is a Mod. G. L. held in this Town whereof John Rowe Esq. is G. M. should you agree with us in this sentiment, we wish that a similar circular letter may be sent them as was sent us.

The within Report agreed to by

JOHN WARREN,
PAUL REVERE,
JOHN JUTAU.

[See p. 328 of this volume.]

BOSTON Sepr 22. 1785.

Voted that the Grand Lodge be Adjourned to this place next Thursday Evening, at Six OClock & that a Committee be Appointed Consisting of Three Brethren, viz: Revere, Warren, Dexter — to wait on the Wfh Master & Acquaint him that the Lodge was Adjourned as the above & desire that he would use Some Effectual Measures to have a more General Attendance.

ELI^{s} PARKMAN, Sec^{y} pro Tem.

VII.

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE LODGE OF SAINT ANDREW, BOSTON.

[Fragment of a Letter.]

Searched into the Minutes of the Grand Lodge in consequence thereof, Find, That a Petition from Some operative Bretheren at Boston in New England (Recommended by the R^{t} worshipfull M^{r}. & Wardens of the Lodge of Falkirk) was laid before the Grand Lodge of Scotland the 30th Novem^{r} last, and a Charter of Constitution and New Erection directed to be made out for them. But a difficulty arose what name to give that Lodge, as these Bretheren have omitted to mention in the said Petition, what name their Lodge should be called in the charter to be made out for them. And Since Receiving your Letter I laid the Same before a Committee of the Grand Lodge and asked their opinion what name the said Lodge should be called in the Charter so to be granted, who desired it might be called Saint Andrews Lodge in Boston. So

if you approve of that name the charter shall be directly made out upon your Transmitting the Fees which is about £3.13.6 Ster. I am with regard

Worshipfull Br.

Your affect. Brother & most obedt Servt

ALEX: McDOUGALL, G: Secty.

S[ir] & Brother

I was favoured with yours of the 7th. As the Grand Lodge meet on the 21st inst if you send in the money Soon, for the dues of the Charter it will be made out & Sent west soon after that time. The date of the Charter will be at the time of Signing.

I am sorry I can be of no Service to you with respect to your small box as I have no acquaintance of any of the Officers: but I think it hard such Trifles should be Stopt by the Avericiousness of the Officers, as it can be of no real advantage to the Governt.

I am Brother

Your most obedt Servt. &

Edinr 12th May. 1759 faithfull Br.

Mr JAS LOGAN. ALEX: McDOUGALL.

Sir,

I this moment received yours, and shall Endeavour to get the Charter Signed in a few days. I have sent you herewith a Scroll of a petition to the Board of Customs, which is only a kind of Form any person may draw, but let them narrate the matter of Fact Circumstantially as it happened. I am

Sir Your very humble Servant

ALEX: McDOUGALL.

Edinr 21st Augt 1759.

[The above letter is superscribed — To Mr. James Logan, Inkeeper at Falkirk.]

Sir,

I received yours on the 8th October and would have Sent the Charter as desired, but the Clerk being out of Town could not have Access to it till Yesterday, that he returned.

I delivered in your Petition to the Custom house, and the Clerk informs me that it was referred to the Collector at Port Glasgo, who had not yet made any return. You'll cause wrapp up the Charter carefully to keep clean and Seal it up and give it to some discreet man, who will be care full to deliver it. I am

Sir your most obedt Servant,

Edinr 13th October 1759. ALEX: McDOUGALL.

To Mr JAMES LOGAN.

FALKIRK 13th. October 1759.

Wor: Bro.

Your Charter of Constitution and New Erection in favours of the Lodge of Saint Andrews to be held at Boston in New England is just now come to my hands it is dated the 30th day of November one thousand Seven hundred and fiftee Six years, it is signed as

folows viz: the Grand Mastir Sholto Charles Douglas Lord Aberdour, G: M: Geo: Frazer D: Grand Mr: Rich[d] Tod Sub: G. M: Henry Cuninghame S: G: W: Will: Budge J: G: W: Alex McDougall G: Secretary, Geo: Beam G Clerk the Gentelman who receives the anewall Two Guinas signs James Hunter G: Tresurir, the Great Seal of the lodge is fixed to A Blew ribond and Inclosed in a whyt Iron Box. the other doubell part being fixed to the Chartir, I am of oppinion that be the time this comes to hand, that you all Imagin I had Intirlee forgot you. but as differant deficulties aross which oblidged me to go to Edinbrough thre times befor I got afairs seteled to my mind. the first was as I applaid be petition in Anno 1756 they Could not Grant the desayr of Br: Pecks lettir to me. the 2[d] was that as the Chartir was not then takin out they would only alow me from the date of my last applecation be vertou of the last lettir and would not nominat one perticular Brothir as the Undir writing Brethren had all Equaly pettitioned, upon which I went in and got it amicablie agreed, that as the wholl brethren bore such a regard to our Worthie Brothir Isaac D[e]Coster who is first named, and as your Electons are annualy, ore as often as you pleas so in that cace you could not miss to Elect him, and it was fardir our oppinions that thre years Senoritie was a great deall And not to put of untill a new pettion came from your lodge, and Supos Mr Peck signs Sect[r] for the lodge, at the Same time you writ that Br: D[e]Coster being at that tyme at Louisbourgh the following is the list to you and your suc's & reprs forever:

Mess[rs] Isaac D[e]Coster, David Flagg, George Gryham, George Lowder, George Bray, George Hodge, Henry Ammes, William Barbeck, and James Tourner. this comes be London and the first ship comes from Glasgow you may expect the Chartir with a fullir Acc[t] of my prosedings, I receved the Bill as for the Box and skins I nevir feard them being seissed at Port Glasgow, You may date your Transactions in your lodge from the above date, ye 30th of Novr: 1756. if this comes to your hands befor the Chartir, I have payd for this to come over from London in the packet. ther is non in New England can Chalenge your prosedings, Except my Good friend and Brothir Major John Young who is now in America, and is appointed Grand Master of all the Saim. [See p. 90 of this volume.] he both knows me personalie and my Subscription. Along with the Chartir Ill send you Some Instructions in order to pay your Charges and rais your Stock, such as Evrie prentis that's admited pays in A Crown to the Grand lodge the Same when admited to a Fellow Crafft and the Same when admit to the dignitie of A Mastir. all this gos for to pay your own Chargess esspesilie and at Each of the above entries and preferments ther gos fifteen shill: str into the Secryties Box for poor Widows Decayd Brothirs and orphans Besayds Clothing the Bretherin, you also Save the Annual payment of two Guinas to the Grand lodge.

I am Worshipfull Bretherin your Worshipfull Brothir,
and verie hum. Servant JAMES LOGAN.

P: S: our not geting the Chartir at that time was as I wrot you formerlie, we ommited to name the lodge. I Ernestly recomend you to Make Chois of Br: D^eCoster for Mastir: Our M: W: G: Mastir is raising upon his own proper charges 200 men and as manne light Horses for the ouce of the Government.

Vale. J. L.

Wor: Brethrin

I doubt not but youll think it hes bein my foult that you have not received your Charter shounir, but aftir Examining the within lettirs I hope youll excous me, I would fain hope you got mine of the 13 of Octr 1759 which I sent to London with monnie to pay with the Packet that comes ovir which would give you some Satisfaction, and as I then wrot you aftir several lettirs writting I was obliged to go to Edinbrough thre times, as I could not get our Worthie Brothir D^e Coster named Mastir, and as they Insisted to have the date of the Chartir with the date of my last pettition, I did so fare prevell with the lodge my last ingoing as get it of the date of the first petition, which I hope will give Satisfaction to all Conserned, and I Ernstlay disayr of you as you Expect a flourishing lodge, youll Elect Brother D^e Coster Mastir, our Grand Mastir My Lord Aberdour is now Grand Mastir of England with al the dominions ther to belonging which will give Check to ane pretenders as despotic Grand Mastirs, he heas also furnished the Government out of his own present pocket Two Hundered light horses, Men and acoutrements in ordir to fill up A Regiment termed hes light horsses youll observe that the Two Guinas Composition givin in to the Grand Lodge gos for the annual payments the lodges in Scotland pays, and as your lodge is onlie In its Infansie youll take care to improve that artichil. thers also five Shill: Ster gos In for Evrie prentiss Admited, the same when Admited to a fellow Craft, and as much when made a Mastir, Besayds paying in ten ore fiftien Shillings Ster: to the privit lodge wher Brothers are admited, and Clothing the Brethrin, which observation being put in pracktiss, ore discrationerare as you think most propir will shoun Inabile you to pay the first debursirs, as also make you a flourishing lodge. onlie be Cautious of pepel of al stations petitions to be entered, we receive non but what arr weel Qualified, and men of Good haractir, as my formir gives you a pretie Good hint as to your management Conserning the lodge. I break off As to Mr. Haggarts Manigment I do not see how he is gustifiabil first having Made that Equivication that he knew nothing about the Box till Informed be his Mate at Sea, then that he had reported said Box at Grenock, and if ther was a bill of loading Granteed be him he Absulutlie to refous it had he stuck to his report, I had got all Contined in the Box, Cleared for two Shillings Ster: but he varrieng in Evrie particular put me to the Chargess I was at, not so much I ashour you for the Gifft as for the Worthie Givers, and notwithstanding of all lost it at the End, upon his omission, and I not knowing how mannie Skins ther was being only a Six pence Ster: per pice of Entrie.

What other letters you have Inclosed I beg of you and my Brethrin to Assist you. I have also wrot my Good ffriend Mr Anderson to Assist you. as to yourls and as to Mr. Irvine being your next nehbour I Concloude this with al health, prosperitie to you my Worshipfull Brethrin I remain Wor: Brethrin your Sincear Brothir wheyl

ffalkirk 2d Martch 1760.

JAMES LOGAN.

HALIFAX June 23 1760.

Worshippfull Brother,

I understand by a Letter from Brother Whatley that the Warrent for holding a Lodg. in Boston is arrivde in Boston from Scotland tho you have not Writ one word about it witch you should have dun, that I might have Sint you Directions with the advice of the Lodges hear, how you shall Proceed.

Youll not Fail the first oppertunity To Send me a coppy of the Warrent & of the Letters that Com with it & Be Sure to Let None of the Other Masons But the Members of St Andrews into the Fellow Craft or M. M. Part without the Passes for the York & Celwiden [Kilwinning?] masons will not admit of the Modierns no moor than Enteraprentice. I wish you all the Suchsess you can desier And Bigg You would Asemble your Logd & instruct them as far as your Capacity; Never forgetting to admonish them to Love one Another. whin I hear from you I shall not fails of Sending you the advice of all the Lodges hear witch will bee of Great Service to you & will oppen a Correnspondanc between you. You have no Business with the Grand Master in Boston as you will hear in due time.

With all the Opinions of the Lodges hear I shall Sind you up the bye Laws of the Logd hear whitch I Belong to & this will help you to Settle a good & Sure Sement whitch Cannot be Easily Broken in Sunder. Be as frugall as posible in Your Expencess whitch will always Keep the Logd full witch is the Sincear Desier of Your most

Effectionate Frend & Brother,

ISAAC DECOSTER.

Right Worshipfull Brother Sholto Charles Dowgalass Lord of Aberdowre, Grand Master of Great Brittain —

The Master, Wardens & Brothers of the First Lodge of St Andrews in Boston, With hearts full of Love and gratitude, Desire to Acknowledge with the greatis Thankfullness yr. Lordships kind Indulgence of our Charter and for all the Instructions & Directions therein Exspresst, and sign'd by your Lordship. And all the other Grand Officers, with pleasure also, wee Joyntly Return our heartty Thanks to the Rightworshipfull Depy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Tresury, Secray and Brothers of yr Grand Lodge of Great Britton.

Rightworshipfull wee hope by the Divine goodness to make Such

Improvements in the Misteery of Masonry as may Recommend us to your Lordships Patronage and Brotherly Love.

wee shall also Endeavour to Transact all our affairs in the Lodge as may give a grace to our Charter and Merit your further Esteem.

and this shall be done by Transmitting by Letters all the Transactions of any Consequence in the Lodge.

Honoured Sir In behalf of our Rightworshipfull Brothers — the Committee Appointed by the Lodge, presume the Liberty to Subscribe your Lordships

Most Obed^{t} Hum^{le} Serv^{ts} and
Affectionate Brothers

Boston, Decr 26, 1760.

JOHN PECK
MOSES DESHON
PHILIP LEWIS
JOS : WEBB JUN^{R}.
} Com^{tee}.

Right worshipfull Brother Logan,

The Master, Wardens, and Brothers of the first Lodge, of St Andrews in Boston, with pleasure it is, wee Embrace this Oppertunity, to Return you, Our hearty Thanks, for all the pains, Care, and Trouble, you have taken, in precuring our Charter, Notwithstanding the Variety of Difficulties that Attended The purchase of the same.

Be assurd Brother that if it is in Our power to Retaliate you for your Unwearied Care in Serving the Ldg you may Command Us, And wee Shall Esteem it an Honour as well as a pleasure to gratifie so Sincere [a] Brother.

Please to Except as A Token of gratitude from the Brothers of St Andrews Lodge two Buckskins for A p^{r} [of] Breches and A p^{r} [of] gloves which wee think you So Richly Deserve for all that Brotherly Love and Affection you have so often Exsprest in all your Letters to this Lodge, this small Token of Love, coms in the room of those you were so Unhappily Disappointed of.

Brother Logan wee wish you every Divine Blessing with all Temproale happiness.

Be assur'd of the Affectionate Regard of y^{r} Affectionate Brothers.

Boston Decr 26, 1760.

JOHN PECK
MOSES DESHON
PHILIP LEWIS
JOS : WEBB JUN.
} Com^{tee}.

BOSTON, Feb. 17th 1761.

Right Hon^{le} and Right Worshipfull Grand Master Lord Abedore —

Wee Whose Names are Under wrighten being Appointed a Comittee by the Lodge of St Andrews with all Defferance and affection Desire to greet you thrice heartily well — and All the Grand Officers of Y^{r} Grand Lodge.

Wee take This Oppertunity to Inform y^{r} Lordship of the Number of Members of Our Lodge Togeather with those that have

been made Entered printisses, Fellow Crafts and Masters sence wee Rec^{d} our Charter as p^{r} the List you have hear inClos'd. — and wee Shall Esteem it a further fav^{r} if your Lordship will Condescend to favour us with the N^{o} of our Lodge as wee stand in the Grand Lodge's Book, Or any other Instructions, Directions, or Cautions that may be Nessecsary to the Cementation of Brotherly Love and Affection in this Lodge.

Wee have Appointed our Right worshipfull Brother James Logan as Master with two Wardens as Shall be Agreeable to him to be our Representatives in your Grand Lodge to Transact all such affairs, as is Needful, to be done in behalf of our Lodge. Wee presume the Liberty of Subscribing our Selves your Lordship Most Obedient Most Dutyfull and affectionate Brothers.

We have hereunto done Our Utmost Endeav^{r} to Cultivate Brotherly Love and Union with the Other Lodges of This town, but hitherto have been Unsuccesfull in ye past (the Masters, Wardens &^{c} of Their Lodges presuming first our Charter Insuffient in this Place. and second are dubious If members of Scotch lodges in Great Brittain are Admited as Visitors (their Methods of Practice not being one and the same) which With all humble submission. we presume such an Infraction of the Constitution and real Intentions of Masonry, as must be the means of lessning ye whole) however Although we are not Admitted as Visitors in their lodges our lodge is Open for all Visiting Brothers, whose behav^{r} is within the Compass of our By Laws. a Third Reason of our not being Admitted as Visiting Brothers is That the Right worshipfull Grand Master Jerimiah Gridley Esqr Looks upon our Charter as an Infringement of his province as Grand Master in North America, Notwithstand wee paid him that Respect to Acquaint him of the Reseption of our Charter, which he Saw. read and Approved of.

Wee are now Regularly Form'd in a Lodge with our proper Officers as Appears by the List.

MOSES DESHON JOHN PECK THO^{S}. MILLIKEN JOS. WEBB JUN^{R} PHILIP LEWIS W^{M} PALFAREY	Committee.

Right Worshipful MASTER, Worshipful WARDENS and Worthy Brethren of the Lodge of S^{T} ANDREW in Boston.

Worthy and Dear Brethren,

Your Letter and an Address from a Committie of your Lodge dated 17th February 1761 and Directed to the Right Honourable Lord Aberdour Were Received by his Lordship, and by him transmitted to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Who having Confer'd on the Honourable Office of Grand Master of Scotland, I with great

Pleasure Embrace this Opportunity of Writing to you my Dear Brethren, to Assure you of my Earnest & Hearty Wishes for your Prosperity and for the Flourishing of your Lodge.

I very much Approve of Your Endeavours to Cultivate Union and Brotherly Love with the Other Lodges in Boston, Your Behaviour in this is worthy of Masons and Agreeable to the Principles of Our Society, But it Surprises me greatly (that instead of Meeting with an Equal return of Love and Friendship from the other Lodges) to hear that they refuse to Admit you as visitors for reasons altogether Groundless. If they Doubt the Validity of your Charter they should have Assigned some Reasons for their Doubts, it is the first time I ever heard of any Charter Granted by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Scotland being either Doubted or Disputed. They are likeways Dubious if Scotch Masons are received as Visitors in English Lodges (Their methods of Practice not being the Same), there is indeed some small difference in Some points, But that never hinders a free Communication & Friendly Intercourse betwixt the Scotch and English Lodges, who Receive Visitors from each other with the greatest Kindness and Friendship, there is no other Contention but who Shall Exceed in Offices of Benevolence and Hospitality always considering that we are All Members of the Holy Lodge of St John whose precepts strongly recommend Harmony, Friendship and Brotherly Love, & think that it would be Inverting the Intention of Our Society (To Quarrel about Points and different Methods of Practice) making it productive of Discord & Strife.

Your Brethren of the Lodges in Boston must Know that the Same Person has Successively been Chosen Grand Master of Scotland and Grand Master of England. The Right Honourable Lord Aberdour was chosen Grand Master of England immediately after he had left the Grand Masters Chair in Scotland, this Should remove all Doubts from Your Brethren in Boston and show them how little the differences in some points of practice are regarded by the Lodges in Great Britain.

The last Reason Assigned by the Lodges in Boston for their Unkind behaviour to you, is, That the Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esquire, Looks upon your Charter as an Enfringement of his Province as Grand Master of North America. It is my Opinion that there may be some mistake in this; You say that he saw, read, and Approved of your Charter. If he had any Objections he certainly would have Signified them to you when you Show'd him Your Charter, I am Confident, my Right Worshipful Brother Jeremiah Gridley Esqr knows and observes the Principles of Masonry Better than to take Offence where there is not the Smallest reason given for it. I do not doubt nor Dispute his Authority as Grand Master of all the Lodges in North America who Acknowledge the Authority and Hold of the Grand Lodge of England, as he certainly has a Warrant and Commission from the Grand Master of England to that Effect. The Grand Master and Grand Lodge of

Scotland have Also granted Warrant and Commission to our Right Worshipful Brother Collonel John Young Esquire, Constituting and Appointing him Provincial Grand Master of all the Lodges in North America who Acknowledge the Authority & hold of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; these Commissions when rightly understood can never Clash or Interfere with each other.

I must observe that you have made a Mistake in your Address to the Lord Aberdour, in Giving him the Title of Grand Master of Great Britain, He Granted your Charter as Grand Master of Scotland, He was afterwards Elected Grand Master of England, but Never had any right to the Title of Grand Master of Great Britain.

Your Mistake in this may (perhaps) have given Offence to my right Worshipful Brother Jeremiah Gridley Esquire, if so, it is very proper that you Should Acknowledge your being Mistaken in this particular.

I hope that all Misunderstandings and differences betwixt you & the Other Lodges in Boston will Soon be entirely removed, But however that may be, I earnestly recommend to you My Dear Brethren, a Constant Perseverance in the most Strenous Endeavours to Cultivate Friendship, Brotherly Love and Harmony with all your Brethren, and never to allow the Misbehaviour of Others to Deprive you of the Agreeable Reflection that you have done your duty as Masons and Members of the Holy Lodge of St John, and Used every Effort to Preserve Harmony, Love and Friendship the Most Precious Jewels, and most Shineing Ornaments of Our Society.

The prosperity of Your Lodge will always be Agreeable to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and particularly to

Right Worshipful, and Worthy Brethren

Grand Lodge Edinbr 4th June 1762.

Your Friend and Servant
ELGIN & KINCARDIN. G: M:

A Ruff Copy of a List of the [St. Andrews] Lodge, 1763.

A True List of St. Andrews Lodge from the Time it was first Held In Boston, N. E. after Receiving the Deputation from the Grand Lodge In Scotland.

Members Names.	Where Made.
*Wm Burbeck M.	In the first Lodge in Boston & S. W. of the Same.
*Joseph Webb Junr S. W.	in ditto & J. W. of the same, & Secry of the Mast. Lodge.
*Philip Lewis J. W.	In the Lodge at Marblehead, N. E.
*Moses Deshon Esqr	In the Lodge at Providence.
*Samuel Barrett	In the first Lodge Held In Boston, N. E.
*Thomas Urann	Ditto
George Jeffirds	Ditto

William McAlpine	In Scotland.
William Ham	In West Indies.
Ezra Collins	In first Lodge at Boston.
Benj^{a} Frothingham	In the Lodge at Louisbourgh.
Alexander Inglish	In England.
John Marlton	In West Indies.
Thomas Michell	In Providence.
Joseph Tyler	In Portsmouth In New Hampshire.
William Hoskins	In Second Lodge In Boston, N. E.
William Bell	at Seconeto in Novia Scotia.
Thomas Stevenson	In Scotland.
Edward Stone	In England.
John Hancock	at Quebeck.
James Nickles	at Ditto
Edward Blake	at first Lodge Boston.
Shuble Hewes	Ditto

MADE IN ST. ANDREWS LODGE.

George Bray †	Ambrose Ferrill
James Graham †	Thomas Craft Junr
Samuel Peck †	Joseph Warren
Thomas Milliken †	Philip Tabor
John Jenkins †	William Gould
Ambrose Slope[r]	Elisha Callender
Paul Revere	Henry Stanbridge
Edward Jarvis	Edward Burbeck
Nathl Hichborn	James Seward
Henry Well	Francis Tree
Philip Maritt	Gilbert Ash
Seth Chipman	John Merritt (Tyler)
Increase Blake	Thomas Webster
William Palfrey	John Lillie
Samuel Moody Esqr	Caleb Hopkins
Edward Potter	Jon^{a} Snelling
Peter Doyle	John Benney
Thomas Metcalf	Winslow Lewis
John Whitten	John Tyler
William Wi[n]gfield	Adam Collson
Israel Ober	Edward Foster
Josiah Flagg	John Ball
John Hoffains	Wm Lorking
John Phillips	Henry Leahy
Edwd Calliteau	Wm Brown
Richd Pulling	Joseph White
Hugh Brown	Bellingham Watt[s]
Waite Gray	Stephen Smith
Walter Karr	John Frost

Feby 22 1762.

Present Officers.

Wm Burbeck M.
Saml Barrett S. W.
Ezra Collins J. W.
Thos Milliken Tr.
Jona Snelling Secry
Paul Revere } Deacons
George Jeffirds }
Increase Blake } Stewards
Wm McAlpine }

N. B. the above five Members Marked † * was made

Formd The First Lodge after Wee Receid The Charter.

[In the original, the words "five" and "was made" in the above postscript and the name "John Merritt, (Tyler)" in the above list are expunged.]

Right Honble & Rt Wpfull G : M.
Rt. Wpfull D : G. M.
Wardens & Brethren of The
Grand Lodge of Scotland, } Boston, Feby 1763.

A Committee of our Lodge did themselves the Honour, to write yon 29th of Octor. Last to Advise that we had appointed our Respected Brother Alex McDougall Esqr. as our proxy to Represent us in the Grand Lodge of Scotland in the Room of Br James Logan, the distance of whose Situation from Edinburgh Renders it inconvenient for him to Attend the Grand Lodge at times when his presence might be Necessary. we hope you will approve of this Step and that our Bror Dougall will be kind enough to accept the office.

We have since Received the Earl of Elgin & Kincardins kind & verry affectionate Letter of the 4th June [See pp. 90 and 444 of this volume.] signifying his Lordship's approbation of our behaviour to the Other Lodges In Boston holding of the Grand Lodge of England who still Continue their unkind & unbrotherly Treatment, Tho: (as his Lordship very justly observes For Reasons altogether Groundless) but let their behavour to us be as it will, we have & shall still Continue to Treat them like Masons. That a Consciousness of our upright intentions towards them, may support us under all their ill usage we Shall always Endeavour to follow that inimitable precept of our great patron, The Holy St John who has said, "Little Children Love one Another."

The mistake in our address to the Lord Aberdour was owing to our Brother Logan, who gave him the Tittle of Grand Mastr of Great Britain in a Letter to us from which we took it, if there is any offence given to the Grand Lodge on that Account we most Sincerely ask their pardon & beg they would impute it (not to a wilfull Error) but to our want of knowing better.

When we wrote the Grand Lodge Last, we did not know there was a Grand Master Appointed for Nr. America from Scotland, we then desird leave to Constitute other Lodges, upon the Continent who might be desirous of holding from Scotland, but as you were kind enough to inform us of Colo. John Young being appointed G. M. we beg Leave to Recall what we have wrote upon that head.

We have Sent inclosed Mr. James Anderson Receipt for Seven Guineas dated Feby 3. 1763 — being 2/6 for each Member who

has been Made in our Lodge the Overplus be pleas'd to apply as a Small acknowledgment to the General Fund of Charity, our abilitys are Much inferiour to our inclinations otherwise the present would have been Larger, but you may be Assured we Shall by every Oppertunity take care to acknowledge the Honour of being Connected with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Inclosed a Nother List of all those who have bin made in our Lodge Since we had the Charter & hope it will be Agreeable.

We would beg Leave to Acquaint the Grand Lodge that there [is] a Number of Persons in this Town (a List of whom you have inclosed) who were made by Some Strolling Masons in an irregular & Clandestin Manner, that are about to Apply to the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a deputation to hold a Lodge in this Town. if Such a Deputation should be granted to those persons it would be attended with the utmost ill Consequences to Masonry & will inevitably bring the Craft into the greatest Disgrace imaginable for the following Reasons, which we in the Most humble Manner offer to the Consideration. first. Those parsons were none of them (Excepting Mr Smellige) made in a Regular Lodge, which we apprehend has always been a Sufficient Reason for Refusing not only to Constitute Such Parsons but even to admit them into a Regular Lodge as Visitors: They are some of them People of the greatest ill Fame. Most of them are So very poore that their only Subsistance is from the Generosity of their Friends & Consequently they must be very improper Persons to Erect & Support the Ct. of a New Lodge.

The foregoing Reasons will we Trust be Sufficient to the Grand Lodge & as the Credit of Masonry in General & that of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in perticular is at Stake we beg they may not have a Deputation to hold a Lodge in this place. we have one More Objection to offer which is, That those very Parsons who now apply for a deputation were Rejected by the Lodge in Ireland to whom they applyed Some time since.

We shall be always greatly oblig'd to the Grand Lodge for any instructions they may at any Time Honour us with. and we Return our Thanks in a Particular Manner to the Rt Honble & Rt Wpfull The Earl of Elgin & Kincardin for the Great Honour he has done us in writing to us.

The assurance his Lordship Gives us, of his affectionate Regard and the promise of a Continuance of his favour, give us a very pleasing prospect & will for ever fill our Minds with the deepest Gratitude to his Lordship.

We have nothing further to Offer at Present but that we are with all due Respect

Your Obedient & Affectionate Brethren & Servants

WILLIAM GOULD
JOSEPH TYLER
EZRA COLLINS
THOMAS STEVENSON
WM PALFREY
} Committee.

Copy Attest
JONA SNELLING Secry.

BOSTON N. E. Feby 13. 5766.

Right Honble & Right Worshipfull Brother

A general Joy was deffused through this Lodge upon the Receipt of your Lordships kind and Brotherly Letter the Generous Concern which you express for our prosperity could not fail of making the most Lasting Impressions of Gratitude on every heart, but in proportion to our former Satisfaction, is our present Anxiety. this Lodge have Several Times done themselves the honour of writing to the Grand Lodge or Scotland; in one of our Letters dated Feby 5763 we gave an Account of the then State of our Lodge and Inclosed Mr James Andersons, (of Boston Merch^t) Receipt for Seven Guineas which was to be paid to the Grand Lodge, but as we have not hitherto had any answer we Cannot determine whether the money was ever Received or not by the Grand Lodge. we allso mentioned the Choice which this Lodge had made of our brother Alexander Dougall Esqr to Represent us in the Grand Lodge of Scotland in the Room of our Brother James Logan, but not a Single Line has been received by us from any Person in Scotland since your Lordships Letter above Mentioned.

We hope that this seeming disregard is not occaisoned by any Supposed offence in us. it would give Great pleasure to us to be informed whether the money we Sent was delivered to the Grand Lodge or not; if it was not we Shall take Measures for its Speedy payment, and if our worthy Brother Alexander Dougall Esqr. has not Complyed with our request of Representing us in the Grand Lodge, (if your Lordship will pardon our Freedom and the favour we ask is not too great for your Lordship to Grant) we beg you would be pleased to propose to us some person of Character on whom we may depend for the proper Management of our affairs in the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We now desire Liberty to Acquaint your Lordship that the Members of this Lodge enjoy the happeness of being in perfect harmony with each other and are the Most numerous Lodge in this part of the Contenent, and we think we may without Arrogance assure your Lordship that the Behaviour of this Lodge is Strictly regulated by the beneficent principles of Masonry, we have allso done whatever we thought Consistent with our Connections with the Grand Lodge of Scotland to promote a friendly intercourse and brotherly Communication with the Lodges here under the English Jurisdiction. we Shall soon be able to Transmit a perticular Account of the Success of our Endeavours in the mean Time it may be relied on that we Shall never in any part of our Conduct forgitt the honour of the Grand Lodge of Scotland but Shall do every Thing in our power to Secure the Approbation of your Lordship and of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. we are with the Greatest Respect and warmest affections your Lordship Most Humble Servents and Loving Brothers

MOSES DESHON	PAUL REVERE	Committee of St Andrew Lodge.
WILLIAM BURBECK	JON^A SNELLINGS	
EZRA COLLINS	JOSEPH WARREN	

P.S.

If your Lordship will be pleased to Communcate this Letter to the Grand Lodge of Scotland you will add to our Many Obligations.

To the Right Honble the Earl of Elgin & Kincardin In Edinburgh.

Right Worshipfull Brother

A Letter Subscribed by a Committee of the Lodge at Boston, Addressed to Our Right Honourable Brother the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine late Grand Master and dated 13 February 1766 was Received by his Lordship and Communicated to the present Grand Lodge.

The former Letter from the same Lodge dated February 1763 was also Received Inclosing M^r. Andersons Receipt for the Seven Guineas, which was regularly paid by him and Stated in the Grand Lodge Books to your Credite And since that period Our Brother McDougal has regularly appeared as your Proxy or Representative in the Grand Lodge.

Let it not be thought Dr Brother that the Grand Lodge of Scotland are Capable of Neglecting any Brother, far less, Such a Respectable body of Bretheren as we have reason to believe the Lodge at Boston is Composed of, or that we disregard any instance of filial duty offered by you. We are happy in your prosperity, we rejoice in your Success, We highly approve of your Zeal to Cultivate and promote the true principles of Masonry, And particularly in Mantaining a friendly intercourse with the regular Lodges whether under the English, Irish or other foreign Constitutions, so far as you find them worthy of the Character of Masons, and Conformable to the Invariable Antient rites known among the Brotherhood. And nothing will give us a higher Satisfaction than to hear from time to time your Success in all these.

The only Reason, then Dr Brother for our not writeing Sooner was that in all the Letters lately Received either by the Grand Lodge or our Brother McDougal, you had ommitted to give us a proper address in Civil Life for any one Brother to whom we could direct our Answer. And we thought it would have looked strange in us to Address any of the names of the Committee Barely as a Brother Mason, or as Master or Member of such a Lodge, without adding his designation in Common Life. But as this difficulty still Continues we are under a necessity of Addressing to the Master of Your Lodge in General, and least any Misfortune should happen we have sent two Duplicates of this, one by the Ship ——— And the other by the Maill from London, which, having no private hand at present are the only oppertunitys we have of Corresponding with you, but if at any time you can point us out a more Certain or Easier Method we shall gladly Embrace the oppertunity.

Inclosed you have the List of your Members preceeding 22d February 1763 who are all regularly Entered in the Books of the Grand Lodge with the Grand Treasurers Receipt for the Seven Guineas Sent by you, but you will observe that your List Consists of Eighty one Members, Of which allowing seven named in the Charter to be free which is the Common usage of the Grand Lodge there Remains Seventy four private Members, for the Entries of all whom you were debitors at the rate of two shillings and sixpence Each which Amounts to £9.5. Of which we have Received £7.7.—So that you are Still debiters for £1.18. to the Grand Lodge for your Members preceeding the aforesaid 22d February 1763, besides what you have Entered since that time which we Expect you will faithfully transmitt with the List by first proper oppertunity in order that they may be recorded. At the Same time we must acquaint you that there is a perquisite of five shillings due to the Grand Clerk for Recording Every List of Brethren from distant Lodges which you will also Transmit with the other dues of two Shillings and six-pence for Each Member, both for the Last List and all Succeeding. And that you may not think this Expence useless we must Acquaint you, that no Brother of any Lodge is intitled to the Charity protection or a Recommendation of the Grand Lodge unless his name appears in the Grand Lodge Books, And that we may be the more Certain when any such applications are made, We would Recommend to you to Set down designations of Each Brother whose name you send to be Ingrossed in the Grand Lodge Books.

The officers of the present Grand Lodge are

The Most Worshipfull James Stewart Esqr Late Lord Provost of Edinburgh Gd Master,

The Right Honourable George Earl of Dalhousie Gd Master Elect,

The Right Worshipfull and Honourable Alexr Gordon Deputy Grand Master,

The Right Worshipfull Richard Tod Esqr Substitute Grand Master,

The Right Worshipfull Sir John Whitefoord } Bartts Grand Wardens,
Sir William Forbes }

The Right Worshipfull Br Alexander McDougal Grand Secretary
Br James Hunter Grand Treasurer
Br Archibald Megget Grand Clerk

The Right Worshipfull & Reverd Br John Mclure Grand Chaplain

The Right Worshipfull Br Thomas Law Master of the Grand Stewarts

In all Letters from you or other Lodges the proper Address is, To Mr. Alexander McDougall Clerk in Exchequer Edinburgh, for he being Grand Secretary is in an office which is Seldom or never Changed and is therefore the proper person through whom all applications or Correspondence with the Grand Lodge ought to be Conveyed.

We Offer our friendly Compliments and Good Wishes to the

whole officers & Bretheren of the Lodge at Boston and Beseech the Almighty Architect to inspire you with the true principles of Masonry, to Direct Assist and Support you in all your Undertakings and to keep you in his Gracious protection And we are

Right Worshipfull Brother

Your Sincerely Affectionate Brethren

JAMES STUART G. M.
WILLIAM FORBES J. G. W.
WAL^R COLVILL S. G. W. Pro Temp^e.

To the R^t Honble & R^t Worshipful, G^d Master, & Worshipful Wardens & Brethren of the G^d Lodge of Scotland.

BOSTON Jany 11. 5769.

R^t Wpfull &c.

We wrote you in July 1766 at which time we gave you an Account of our proceedings wth the Modern G. L. in this place: since which we have receivd your esteemed favour without date, & are much oblig'd to you for the favourable sentiments you have therein express'd.

We are very sorry that for want of a proper distinction in civil life we have been depriv'd of your favours. To remedy this inconvenience we beg that all Letters in future may be directed to W. Sam Barrett, Sail Maker in Boston, & you may depend upon a safe conveyance (casualties excepted) and all Letters address'd to him we beg may be sent by some Vessell bound immediately to this port, or if no such opp^y presents, the Mail from London to N. York would be a sure conveyance.

We are much oblig'd to you for reminding us of the deficiency in the Money remitted you; the mistake arose from an apprehension that we were only to pay for such Members as were made in this Lodge to Feby 1763.

We herewith send you a List from that period of fifty-five members which at 2/6 each amounts to six pounds, seventeen Shillings and six Pence, which with the former deficiency of One Pound, Eighteen Shillings & the five Shillings for each List due to the G. Clerk amounting in the whole to Nine Pounds five Shillings & six Pence, we send you by & inclose his Receipt for the same & beg it may be enter'd to our Credit on the Books of the Grand Lodge.

In conjunction with several other ancient Lodges in this place we have by this opp^y forwarded to the G. L. of Scotland a petition for the appointment of a G. M. here — the Arguments made use of in that petition we apprehend render it needless for us to say anything further on the Subject. we would only add that our present situation renders such an appointment absolutely necessary.

We shall at all times think ourselves happy in keeping up a correspond^ce with the G. Lodge of Scotland, & shall ever esteem any advice they may be pleas'd to give us, as a Singular favour. Our Letter in June 1766 we fear has miscarried as we have never yet

been honour'd with an Answer: we beg you would take the earliest oppertunity to acknowledge the Receipt of this.

We heartily wish you success in all your undertakings & ardently pray for the Welfare & prosperity of the Craft in General & the G. L. of Scotland in particular & are wth greatest esteem & Respect.

R^t^ Wpfull &c. &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

[Petition for appointment of Joseph Warren as Prov. G. Master.]

To the R^t^ Honble & R^t^ Worshipful the Grand Master, the Worshipful G^d^ Wardens & Brethren of the G^d^ Lodge of Scotland,

The Petition of the Master, Wardens, & Brethren of St Andrew's Lodge N° 82, of the Registry of Scotland, of the Master, Wardens, & Brethren of the Duke of Yorks Lodge N° 106, of the Registry of Scotland, held in the 64 Reg^t^. of Foot, of the Master, Wardens, & Brethren of Lodge N° 58, of the Registry of England held in the 14th Reg^t^ And of the Master, Wardens, & Brethren of Lodge N° 322, of the Registry of Ireland held in 29th Reg^t^

Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

resident in Boston New England

HUMBLY SHEWS,

That your Petitioners, taking into consideration, the present state of Ancient Masonry in America and apprehending that it may greatly promote the Craft, to have a Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons, Established in this Part of the World; have Unanimously agreed to address the Grand Lodge of Scotland, requesting the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master, & Grand Wardens, to Reside in Boston New England. We do therefore, hereby humbly pray the Grand Lodge, to constitute, and appoint a Grand Master, & Wardens, with the Authority and Privileges Usually deputed to Provincial Grand Masters for the Reasons Following.

1st It is humbly conceiv'd that such an appointment would render Ancient Masonry more respectable in this place, where there is a Provincial Grand Lodge of Modern Masons.

2d As there will arise in the best Regulated Societies certain Disputes & Debates, which require the interposition of some superior Authority, and as there are four Lodges of Ancient Masons in this Town, it is thott Expedient that there be a Grand Lodge, to whose Decision all Ancient Masons would willingly submit any Differences, which from the weakness of human Nature may possibly at any Time hereafter take place.

Lastly & principally,—Your petitioners are fully convinc'd, that if there was in America an Authority to Constitute and app^t^. Lodges of Ancient Masons, Great numbers would speedily apply for Deputations for erecting of Lodges in different Parts of this Continent: some in this Province have signified their Inclination so to do, but by Reason of the Great Difficulty attending an imme-

diate Application to the Grand Lodge of Scotland have been oblig'd to take Deputations from the Modern G^d Master* here; & many others are impatiently waiting the Success of this Petition.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly submit the foregoing Reasons to your wise Consideration, and cannot but hope for a Favourable Decision: And as it is impossible for the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to be acquainted with the Characters of the Brethren residing in Boston, your Petitioners further pray that if in your Superior Wisdom, you should determine to appoint such a G^d Lodge, you would be pleasd to appoint our Worshipful Brother Joseph Warren, phis^n The present Master of St Andrew's Lodge to be Provincial G^d Master, Brother Jeremiah French Esqr to be Senior Grand Warden, & Brother Ponsonby Molesworth Esqr to be Junr G^d Warden both Cap^ts in the 29th Reg^t & members of Lodge 322. The several Lodges having at a General Communication unanimously agreed to recomm^d them to your notice, as the most proper persons to sustain those Offices.

And your petitioners in Duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

WILL^M BURBECK	P. M	St Andrews Lodge N° 82.
WILL^M PALFREY	S. W.	
JON^A SNELLING	J. W	
SOLOM^N KING,	M.	D. Yorks Lodge N° 106.
ROB^T FINLAY	S. W.	
ARTHUR PRICE	J. W.	
WILL^M DAVIS	M.	Lodge N° 58
ROB^T M^cCURY	S. W	
WILL^M DALSTON	J. W	
JA^s BROWN	M.	Lodge 322.
CHARLES CHAMBERS	S. W.	
JA^s SMITH	J. W.	

*N. B. The modern Grand Lodge in this Town is authoris'd to grant Deputations for erecting Lodges in any [part] of America where no other Grand Master is appointed.

[Copy of the Commission of Joseph Webb as D. G. M.]

To the R^t. Worshipfull Joseph Webb, Greeting,

By virtue of the Authority to me Granted (by the Honble. and R^t Worshipful George, Earl of Dalhousie — Grand Master of Masons for Scotland) To be Provincial Grand Master here, within the limits of one Hundred miles from this Place,

I hereby Reposing special trust & Confidence in Your Knowledge and Skill of the Ancient Craft — DO Constitute and appoint you the said Joseph Webb to be Deputy Grand Master over all the Lodges holding under my Jurisdiction, And in my Absence to Do and Transact, all matters & things, for the Good of Masonry in General, and more Particularly, in my said Grand Lodge and you are hereby requir'd to render to me an Account of your doings, by Virtue of this Commission that the Same may be transmitted to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

This Commission to remain in full force and Virtue, till recalld by me or my Successors in Office.

Given under my hand & the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed, this twenty-seventh Daye of December A. M. 5771 and of Salvation 1771.

By Order of the Grand Master,
Recorded. JOS^H WARREN G.M.

W^M HOSKINS. G S^TY.

[Extension of the Authority of Prov. G. M. Warren over all North America.]

To all and Sundry to whose knowledge these presents shall come.

Greeting in God everlasting. Whereas the Grand Lodge of Free & accepted Masons for the Kingdom of Scotland by their Commission Dated Thirtieth of May One Thousand and Seven Hundred & Sixty Nine Did appoint the Right Worshipfull Joseph Warren Esquire Provincial Grand Master over the Lodges in Boston New England Holding of the Grand Lodge in Scotland with the usual powers but it being now found necessary to extend the same and we being well Satisfied of the capacity and fitness of our worthy Brother the said Joseph Warren Esquire in Executing the office of Provincial Grand Master and of his Seal [sic] for promoting the Interest of the Craft and prosperity and advancement of Masonry Know ye therefore that we have now Constituted and appointed & hereby constitute & appoint our right Worshipfull Brother the said Joseph Warren Esquire provincial Grand Master over all the Lodges on the Continent of NORTH AMERICA which now are or hereafter shall be Erected and taken to hold of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and also over all other Lodges on the foresaid Continent who shall acknowledge our Authority with Power to him in our name, Not only to visit the said Lodges, to sit, act, enquire into their state and Condition But also to Grant Charters of Constitution and Erection and Charters of Confirmation to such Brethren as he may think worthy of the same and who may apply to him therefor and in general to do execute and perform anything which by the Rules of Masonry is known to belong to the Duty and Office of a Provincial Grand Master requiring hereby our said Provincial Grand Master to observe and obey all such Rules Instructions & Directions as he shall Receive from us or from our successors in office Grand Master Masons of Scotland and to Report to the Grand Lodge from time to time his own actings and proceedings in virtue of his Commissions but particularly that a Certified Copy of all Charters so to be granted by him, shall be transmitted to our Grand Secretary at Edinburgh together with the names of the Constituent members applying for the same in order that such Charters and Members may be Recorded in the Books of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. And we hereby will and Require the whole Lodge already erected or Constituted or that hereafter may be erected or Constituted within the (bounds)aforesaid to pay all due deference to our said

provincial Grand Master and Wardens and other officers who are or hereafter may be by him appointed & this Commission to continue in force until Recalled in whole or in part by us or our successors in office as aforesaid and to the end these presents may be more effectually kept and preserved, the same are hereby appointed to be Recorded in the Books of the Grand Lodge.

Given at the Grand Lodge held in the City of Edinburgh upon the III day of March M.DCC.LXXII and of Light VMDCCLXXII by the Right Honourable and Most WORSHIPFULL PATRICK EARL of DUMFRIES present Grand Master Mason of SCOTLAND, the Honourable and right Worshipfull Colonel William Napier Deputy Grand Master the Right Worshipfull Doctor John Cairnie, Substitute Grand Master the Right Worshipfull Andrew Balfour & William Barclay Esquire Grand Wardens and the Seal of the Grand Lodge is hereunto appended.

In presence of Alexander McDougal Esquire, Grand Secretary & Mr. David Bolt Grand Clark.

ALEX^{R} M^{c}DOUGALL, G. Secretary
DAVID BOLT. G. Clark
Attest (copy)
BENJ^{N} COOLIDGE G^{d} Secy.
of the Massachusetts G^{d} Lodge Held
at Boston whereof John Warren Esq.
is Grand Master.

DUMFRIES, G. Master
W^{M} NAPIER, Dpy. M.
JOHN CAIRNIE, S. G. M.
AND^{W} BALFOUR, S. G. W.
W^{M} BARCLAY, J. G. W.

[Remonstrances against the admission of "Modern" Visitors into "Ancient" Lodges.]

BOSTON March 12th 5772.

To
The Worshipfull Master Senr & Junr Wardens and rest of the Brethren of St Andrews Lodge N° 82 under the Register of Scotland in due form Assembled — Greeting,

Whereas Lodge N° 169 of Antient York Mason's having been creditably inform'd that St Andrews Lodge admitts modern Masons as Visitors which is directly in Opposition to the express rules and articles of antient Masonry;

We in Honour and Justice to our most Antient & Right Worshipfull Grand Lodge cannott but take notice of such illegal proceedings and as we have no sinister views in it, but the good of the Antient Craft at Heart and it being a Duty incumbent upon us as Mason's to Apprize you thereof before we proceed farther;

Therefore we Acquainted our Worthy Brethren of Lodge N° 58 of Antient York Masons therewith, and it was Unanimously Agreed to require a Committee of an equall Number from each of the Antient Lodges in Boston in order to put a stop to so prejudicial a Practice to Antient Masonry. We desire no more than to have this Affair amicably Settled trusting it will appear an Act of inadvertancy rather than guilt.

Your Answer to this with the number of Your committee when to meet and place of meeting will ever Oblige

your Affectionate and Faithfull Brethren
and Humble Servants

Lodge N° 169 Antient York Masons. } THO^S ALEXANDER Master
JOHN STEWART } Ward^s
ALEX^R CRUCKSHANK
GEO: BEATTIE sect^ry

Seal

To
The Worshipful Master, Wardens, & Brethren of St Andrew's Lodge, of the Ancient institution of Masons. &c.

Whereas Lodge N° 169 of Ancient York masons, having represented to this Lodge that, St Andrew's admits modern masons as visitors; which is directly in opposition to the express rules and Articles of Ancient Masonry;

We in honour and justice to our most antient and Right Honble Grand Lodge, cannot but take notice of such illegal proceedings; And as we have always the Ancient at hart, we should be glad that there were a Committee, of an equal number appointed from each of the Ancient Lodges in Boston, in order to have a stop put to so prejudicial a step in ancient Masonry, and we desire no more than to have this affair amicably settled.

Your answer will ever oblige

Your Brethren & hum^ble Serv^ts

of Lodge N° 58 of ancient york Masons. } THO^S YEATS Master
JN^O EYLEY } Wardens
THO^S THORNLEY
Castle William 14th March 1772 }
W^M DAVIES
Past Master & Secretary.

Seal

[See pp. 301, 304 and 305 of this volume.]

BOSTON, Decr 21. 1782.

Bretheren,

We the Subscribers being chosen a Committee in behalf of St Andrews Lodge, to answer a Letter rec'd the 12 Ins^t by the hands of the G^d Sec^y in which Letter, we are inform'd of your intention of celebrating the Feast of St John, and the Installing your Grand Officers; likewise a declaration in which appears you have assumed an Independency of all Lodges in the Universe.

With all due respect, we wou'd observe to you, that an Evening was appointed to take said Letter and declaration, into consideration, and after debating upon them, the following Question was put;

"Whether this Lodge acknowledge the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, Independent of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and all other Grand Lodges in the Universe?"

The Lodge cou'd not consent to the declaration, supposing it to be inconsistent with the principles of Masonry, necessary to be observ'd for the good of the Craft, amidst all the Variety of circumstances incident to human affairs.

There were present at this meeting of the Lodge 49 Members, and Voted as follows, Yeas, 19; Nays, 30; total 49.

By the aforegoing Vote, Brethren, you have the sense of St Andrews Lodge.

From your Affectionate & Loving Brothers

To the most Wpful Master and Wardens of the Grand Lodge.

JAMES CARTER
SAM^L^ GORE
ALEXANDER THOMAS
JOHN SPRAGUE, JUN^R^
WILLIAM BURBECK
Committee.

[Letter to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.]

BOSTON, May 19, 1783.

To the Hon & Most Worshipf^l^ the G. M.
Dep. G. M. G. Wardens & Brethren of the G. Lodge of Scotland in G. Lodge Assembled at St Marys Chapel in the City of Edinburg.

Gent^n^ my last letter to you was in June 1775, informing you of the Death of G. M. WARREN. Since which the Unhappy Calamity of War has prevented an Intercourse; but am now happy (that a general peace has taken place) in informing you of Our Proceedings. In 1775, the Lodges under this Jurisdiction Consisted of four Only. In March 1777, I, as Dep^y^ G. Master summons'd the former G. Officers to Attend, when they were pleas'd to appoint me to the Chair as G. M. Since which we have granted fifteen Charters of Erections to Lodges, as ꝑ the Inclosed list. I lookt upon it as my Duty to inform you of the forgoing transactions; And am with Sentiments of Respect for all the lodges in general under your Jurisdiction & the G. Lodge in partic^r^, Gents & Brethren,

Y^r^ Affect^o^ Bro^r^ & H. Servt

J. WEBB.

[See p. 322 of this volume.]

At a Meeting of the *Rising States*, *Massachusetts*, *Perfect Union*, *Warren* and *King Solomon's* Lodges of Ancient FREE MASONS, in Convention, held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in *Boston*, March 10th, 5785.

Present,

Right Worshipful Paul Revere,
Brother Jonathan Stodder,
Brother Norton Brailsford,
Brother John Boit,
Brother Thomas Edwards,
Delegates from *Rising States Lodge.*

Right Worshipful M. M. Hays,
Brother Aaron Dexter,
Brother Joseph Whipple,
Brother William Scollay,
Brother John Jackson,
} Delegates from *Massachusetts Lodge.*

Right Worshipful Brother John Jutau,
Brother St Medaws,
Brother Nebon,
Brother Brown,
Brother Hyman,
} Delegates from *Perfect Union.*

Brother James Avery, Delegate from *Warren Lodge.*

Right Worshipful Brother Josiah Bartlett,
Brother Eliphalet Newell,
Brother Benjamin Frothingham,
Brother Joseph Cordis,
} Delegates from *King Solomon's Lodge.*

VOTED, in Convention, That Right Worshipful Brother Revere, be President; and Brother John Jackson be Secretary to this Convention.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Convention, that they are individually bound to preserve inviolate the truest Harmony and Friendship with all their Brethren of the Craft, and that it is the Duty of every good Brother to adopt such Measures as are best suited to effect this Design and establish the Authority of a GRAND LODGE for this laudable Purpose.

Resolved, That for the better carrying such Design into Execution and Effect, agreeable to the Ancient and most Valuable Constitutions of MASONRY — A General Convention be held at FREE MASONS Hall in *Charlestown*, County of *Middlesex*, Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, on Thursday the 26th Day of *May* next, at Nine o'Clock, A.M. by Delegates from all Ancient Lodges of FREE MASONS within the Commonwealth aforesaid, as well as other Ancient Lodges of FREE MASONS in other of the American States, holding Right under the Jurisdiction of the GRAND LODGE in the late Province or now Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That Right Worshipful Brother Revere, Right Worshipful Brother Hays, and Brother Dexter, be a Committee to send printed Copies of the Proceedings of this Convention to the several Lodges aforementioned; and that the said Committee be authorized to take such other Measures as they may think expedient for executing the Intentions of this Convention.

Paul Revere, *Master Rising States Lodge*,
M. M. Hays, *Master Massachusetts Lodge*,
John Jutau,
Josiah Bartlett, *Master King Solomon's Lodge*,
Jonathan Stodder,
William Scollay,
P. St Medaws,
Aaron Dexter,
Norton Brailsford,
Thomas Edwards,
Joseph Whipple,
Benja. Frothingham,
John Boit,
Joseph Cordis,
Eliphalet Newell,
Edward Vaill Brown,
J. Nebon,
James Avery.

Ordered, That 50 Copies be struck off to be sent to the several Lodges.

JOHN JACKSON, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, May 23d, 1785.

Brethren,

We have receiv'd your letter inclosing the various resolutions said to be made in a convention of several Lodges held at the Bunch of Grapes tavern in Boston, March 10th 1785. In answer thereto, We beg leave to declare that it now is, and ever has been the warmest wish of our hearts and the invariable rule of our practice, to preserve inviolate the truest harmony and friendship with all men, especially such as are of the Craft.

That in our opinion the surest and the only way of effecting this grand design of Masonry, is to preserve inviolate those duties and obligations which we owe to all men, more particularly such as we are bound to perform by the Masonic institutions. It may not be necessary to inform some, tho' it may be others, that we convene and assemble as a true and regular lodge, by virtue of a charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland dated Novr 30th 1756, under this charter alone we hold, and herein are we bound by obligations which we deem sacred—these obligations once broken, this faith once destroy'd, we should conceive ourselves unworthy of confidence either as men or masons.

Having thus stated to you our relation to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and our Sentiments of that relation, we conceive that we have offer'd sufficient reason for our declining to accede to the proposal made in your second resolution, and we now do for these reasons most explicitly, refuse to meet the Convention to be held at Charlestown on the twenty-sixth day of May instant. We anxiously wish to preserve concord and harmony with all men, and as we fear any future discussion of this matter may be productive of disputes, and uneasiness, we ask your acceptance of the foregoing as a final answer to every proposal of a similar kind, and we take this opportunity to inform you, that we shall not conceive ourselves justified in attending to any future communications on this subject.

In the Name and in behalf of St Andrews Lodge,

JAMES CARTER, Master
ELISHA SIGOURNEY, S.W.

To Paul Revere, Esqr., & others in Convention at Charlestown.

[Note from Mrs. John Rowe to Grand Lodge.]

Mrs Rowe & Mr John Rowe [nephew] present their most respectful Compliments to Mr Cutler & the other Officers & Brethren of the Grand Lodge & beg them to accept their most grateful acknowledgments for their respect shewn at the interment of Mr Rowe their late Grand Master & to assure them they retain a grateful sense of Their attention to his Memory. And as Mrs & Mr Rowe have not

the pleasure of an acquaintance with the Masters & Officers of the other Lodges that attended at the funeral they beg the favour of Mr Cutler that he will be so kind as to communicate to them in their names their particular thanks for the polite & respectful Behaviour shewn by the Brethren on this mournful occasion; & they request that Mr Cutler will do this in the manner he thinks most proper.

Pond Street 22^d Feby 1787.

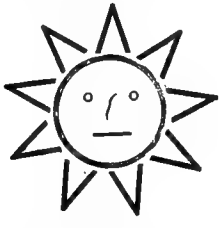
Feby 23^d 1787.

Sir:

Inclos'd you have a Copy of a note sent me from Mrs Rowe, you will please to communicate the contents to your Lodge, with the thanks of St Johns Grand Lodge for their attendance at the funeral of the late John Rowe Esqr their Grand Master. Your Affectionate brother & humble Servant,

JOHN CUTLER, S. G. W.

[Notice of the Election of Joseph Webb as Grand Master.]



To all the Fraternity of Antient Free and Accepted Masons around the Globe Greeting

Be it known & made manifest That by the Decease of our late worthy

Grand Master the most Worshipfull
JOSEPH WARREN ESQ^R.

That important Office is become vacant, and as his commission was derived from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, & all intercourse, and connection that way being dissolved by a Declaration of this State together wth twelve other United States Free and Independent of Great Brittain,

We therefore the Grand Lodge, together with the Delegates of the other Lodges under this jurisdiction, taking into consideration the absolute necessity of having a Grand Master of our own appointment for this State, Have thought fit to appoint & do by these Presents Constitute, appoint, & Elect our trusty & well belov'd Brother Joseph Webb Esqr To be Grand Master of Antient Masonry through this State of Massachusetts Bay, and we for ourselves & successors in Office, Do, by these presents acknowledge our Subjection to him, as Grand Master aforesaid, & all the

Lodges under this Jurisdiction are hereby enjoyned to acknowledge & conduct themselves accordingly, agreeably to the Antient rules & customs of Masonry.

In Testimony whereof, We have caused the Seal of our Grand Lodge to be hereunto affixed, & have also sett our Hands this eighth Day of March in the year of our LORD, MDCCLXXVII & of Masonry 5777.

Wm Hoskins Gd Secy.

JNO LOWELL Gd Treasurer
NAT PIERCE Gd Secy
THOS CRAFTS Sr G. D.
EDWD PROCTOR Jr G. D.
THOS URANN } G Stewards
CALEB HOPKINS }
The above is a true Copy
BENJR COOLIDGE Gd Secy.

SAML BARRETT S. G. Warden
PAUL REVERE J. G. W.
JNO SYMMES Mast S And^w Lodge
WINTHROP GRAY Sr Warden Do
STEPN BRUCE Junr W. Do
PAUL REVERE D. M. Tyrian Lodge
PH. MARRETT S. W. Do
WM GREENOUGH Mast St Peter Lodge

[Communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to Saint Andrews Lodge April 2, 1792.]

To the *Right Worshipful Master*, the *Officers & Members* of *Saint Andrews Lodge* of Free & accepted Masons, No 82 of the Registry of Scotland. Respected Brethren,

We think it our incumbent Duty to communicate *officially*, that a compleat Union of the two Grand Lodges formerly held in this State is happily effected; & that "*The Grand Lodge of the most ancient & Honorable Society of Free & accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*", is compleatly organized.

The sole Objects of *this Coalition*, are to obliterate as far as possible all Distinctions heretofore made, to provide for a Regular Intercourse of the Brethren, & by all other Means to promote the Interests of our Ancient Fraternity. And happy we are that every Transaction of this important era, has been marked with Candour, Unanimity & a strict Adherence to the genuine Principles of the Institution.

All lodges heretofore established, are to retain their original Charters, (the Dates, & the Grand Lodges from whome they were issued being recorded by the Grand Secretary) & a due Representation, with the Payment of equal Quarterly Assessments, entitle such Lodges to a regular Connection with this Grand Lodge; To take Precedency according to seniority, And All former Grand Lodge Records, & other Masonic Papers are safely deposited in our Archives.

Quarterly Communications are to be holden, on the Evenings of the second Mondays in December, March, June & September. The Grand Master, & Grand Wardens are to be annually elected, at the Meeting in December, two thirds of the Voters present make a choice, & no Brother is eligible for these offices more than three years successively. The Grand Treasurer, & Secretary are also

elected Annually by the Grand Lodge; And the other Grand Officers are appointed by the Grand Master.

A Regular Code of Laws (in which the Ancient landmarks are sacredly preserved) is carefully compiled, & a Book of Constitutions, containing our History, Charges, Regulations &c collected from old Records & faithful Traditions, being now in the Press will soon be published under the Authority of the Grand Lodge.

Having stated these Particulars, we beg Leave to remark, that the Late deranged State of Masonry requires every Exertion for its revival & Support; And we doubt not but all worthy Brethren will cheerfully lend their Aid, in such way as they think best to promote so laudable a Design. We do not on this Occasion urge any Sentiments to Influence your Conduct & we tender our Warmest Wishes for your Prosperity & Happiness. The Masonic Institution is not the Offspring of Discord or Usurpation, but is founded on the Broad Basis of universal Philanthropy; And tho' we may differ in Circumstances not essential, we are still sacredly bound to cherish its benevolent Designs, by a Mutual Intercourse of Affection & Esteem; *For "the liberal Soul shall be made fat: & he that Watereth shall be watered also himself."*

Done in the Grand Lodge at Boston on the second Day of April Anno Lucis 5792.

Attest	JOHN CUTLER	Grand Master.
THO^s FARRINGTON	JOSIAH BARTLETT	Grand Wardens.
Grand Sec^y.	MUNGO MACKAY	

[Answer to the above communication.]

BOSTON April 16, 5793.

Bretheren

We acknowledge the Rec^t, of yours of the second of April 5792, Informing us of your uniting the two Grand Lodges formerly Held in this State into a Grand Lodge of the Most Antient & Honourable Society of Free & Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts — we shall always Rejoice in the prosperity of the Masonick art & shall make it our Studdy to promote the Interest of the Craft & by Strictly adhereing to the true principals of our Constitution, hope to merret the Approbation of all Good Masons.

[1] With the warmest feelings of Brotherly Love & Respect We are Bretheren,

Y^rs affectionately,
By order of St Andrews Lodge
W^m. HARRIS Sec^y

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[1] We also acknowledge the rect of your Letter of 27th of Decr last accompanied with a new Book of Constitutions for which accept our thanks.

To the Most Worshipful John Cutler Grand Master & the Officers & Brethren of the Grand Lodge for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

[Answer to letter of Isaac D^e^Coster, p. 442.]

BOSTON 3^d^. Feby. 1761.

R^t^ Worshipfull Decoster,

We the Master Wardens & Brethren of S^t^. Andrews Lodge No. Assembled in due form Adorned with all Our honours, do Most Gratefully Acknowledge the Rec^t^. of Your Letter, with a Coppy of y^r^. By Laws which we safely rec^d^., for which a Unanimous Vote Passed, That our humble Thanks should be Returned to the Master Wardens & Brethren of Lodge N° 2 at Hallifax for their fav^r^. in Granting us a Coppy of Their By Laws &c., And in due Order Drank — Health & Prosperity to the Master Wardens & Brethren of lodge N° 2 at Hallifax, Whom we most heartily desire to Greet Well, we shall also do our Utmost Endeavours to Preserve harmony and Order, and have the Satisfaction to Assure you we are now Well formed, and a full Lodge of such Members as we humbly hope will do honour to Masonry. We are with all Due respect In Behalf of The Master & Bretheren of S^t^. Andrews Lodge (for which we are a Committee) Your most Obed^t^. And Affectionate Brothers

Coppy. Committee { MOSES DESHON, JOS: WEBB, P. LEWIS

[Bill of Fare for Feast of St John the Evangelist.]

A COMMIT Chosen by Saint Andrews Lodg to Agree with Brother F. Gerald to provide a diner for the Lodg. Thos Knox, Stephen Bruce, Sam. Moar.

3 Boil'd Turkeys & Oyster Sauce
3 roasted d°
1 doz. Fowles Boil'd wth Pork & Cabbidge
A Rump & part of a Surloin Beef Roasted
2 doz Apple & Cramberry Tarts
2 plain & 2 plumb Pudding
Cellery, Oyl, Pepper, Salt, Horse Raddish
Custards & Jelleys for Bread.
A Roast of Alamode Beef
6 roasted Ducks.
2 Hams Bacon.
4 Neats Tongues.
2 chicken Pies.
Butter, Cheese
Onion & Cramberry Sauce.
Vinegar, Bread, Mustard.

Agreed to Supply the above at half a Dollar ℔ head, paying for fifty men whether they be at the Feast or Not, if more to pay so many more half Dollars ℔ head. Madeira Wine at three pistereens ℔ Bottle.

BOSTON, Dec. 18, 1769. ℔ L^s^ F. GERALD.

It is further Agreed for two Beef Stake pyes 2 Legs of Corn'd Pork 2 geese Roasted.

In consideration whereof the partys to pay for sixty whether there or not, if more in proportion.

VIII.

MASONIC HALL LOTTERY, NEWPORT, R. I.

[See p. 65 of this volume.]

To the Honble the General Assembly of his Majesty's Colony of Rhode Island, &c.

The Petition of the Master, Wardens, and Society of Free & Accepted Masons of Newport in the Colony afores^d SHEWETH

That the Town of Newport having no Building sufficiently Large and Commodious, for Publick Entertainments, where at any time the Governor or General Assembly, might at their Elections, or Other Occasions Assemble and Dine, & where any of his Majesty's Governors or Other Officers, Civil or Military may Occasionally be publickly Entertained, The Society of Free and Accepted Masons taking the Same into their Consideration, & being perticularly Desirous of Effecting something which might Answer this End, have agreed among themselves to set on foot a Commodious Building under the Name of the MASONS HALL for the purposes aforesaid, but the Society finding that their Fund will be unequal to the Expence, are under a Necessity to Address this Hble Assembly for Assistance in Promoting so Good a Work & so Honble & Useful to the Colony, DO THEREFORE Humbly pray that a Lottery be Granted them agreable to the Annexed Scheme for Raising 2400 Dollars for Carrying on the Building aforesaid, which Method the Petition[er]s Humbly Conceive will be the Readier Adopted, as they can Assure this Honble Assembly they have it in their Power to Dispose of the Chief of the Tickets among their Fraternity in Other Governments. Your Petitioners do further Humbly propose that the Money so to be Rais'd be directed to be paid into the Hands of the Master & Wardens of the said Society in Newport in Trust for the Purpose aforesaid—And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will ever pray.

ROB^T JENKINS [JUN^R.] M.
JOHN MAWDSLEY S. W.
SAM^L BRENTON J. W.
BENJ^N S. MASON T.
NATH^L MUMFORD S.
THO^S POLLIN
MARTIN HOWARD J^R.
AUG^S JOHNSTON
THO^S MOFFATT
WILL^M HUNTER
EDW^D COLE
THO^S VERNON
EDW^D ELLIS
JOS^H WANTON JUN^R
JOHN MILLER
SOL^O TOWNSEND
JOHN ROFFEE
EBENEZER RUMREAL
GEORGE BUCKMASTER
PETER MARSHALL
ROBERT MARSHALL
JA^S FRANKLIN
WILL^M TWEEDY
GREGORY COZZENS
SAM^L JOHNSTON
THO^S GORDON STELLE
DAVID JAMISON
W^M LYSTER

GEORGE GARDNER
WILL^{M} RICHARDS
ISAAC STELLE
CHRIS^{R} CHAMPLIN
DAVID HARRISON
IGNATIUS BATTAR
JOHN DUPEY
NICH^{S} EASTON J^{R}
JAMES DREW
CHRISTIAN MAYERS
RICHARD BEALE
HENRY SOWLE
JOHN DOCKREY
JOHN COLLINS.

Masons in Providence.

JOHN BURGES
EDW^{D} SCOTT
BENJ: BROWN
JOS^{A} BROWN
MOSES BROWN
JABEZ BOWEN
CHRIS^{R} HOPKINS
JOHN BROWN
NATH^{L} BALCH
JOHN NASH
EBEN^{E} THOMPSON
JOS^{H} OWEN
ESTES HOWE
JOSEPH RUSSELL
DAN^{L} TILLINGHAST
JAMES GREEN
AMBROSE PAGE
NOAH MASON
W^{M} SMITH
SAM^{L} ANGELL

Wee the Subscribers Inhabitants of this Colony do hereby Humbly Recommend the Subject Matter of this Petition, as Worthy your Honors Notice & fitt to be Granted.

GODFREY MALBONE
JOS: WANTON
JAHLEEL BRENTON
THO^{S} WICKHAM
GODFREY MALBONE J^{R}
CH^{S} WICKHAM
PETER JAMES
JOHN JEPSON
BENJ: WICKHAM
SILAS COOKE
JOHN BENNET
JONAS L. REDWOOD
EDW^{D} SCOTT
THO^{S} ROBINSON
JA^{S} KEITH
JOHN MALBONE
MATT^{W} COZZENS
FRA^{S} BRINDLEY
JOS. ANDREWS
ALLEN BROWN
JON^{A} OTIS
THO^{S} RODMAN
JA^{S} ANGELL
SOL^{O} DROWNE
JOS: OLNEY
EPHRAIM BOWEN
JOHN BROWN
THO^{S} CRANSTON
EVAN MALBONE
PETER HARRISON
SIMON PEASE
WALTER CRANSTON
JOS^{A} LYNDON
ANDREW HEATLY
HENRY WARD
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ESEK HOPKINS
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NICH^{S} BROWN
ARTHUR FENNER
GEORGE CORLIS
W^{M} WANTON
THO^{S} WICKHAM J^{R}
JOHN CODDINGTON
JOS: COZZENS
W^{M} RICHARDSON
JOHN BOURSE
STEPHEN AYRAULT
JOS SCOTT
JA^{S} GOULD
GEORGE NICHOLS
JOS G. WANTON

BARZILLA RICHMOND	JOS: WHIPPLE
AB: SMITH	JOS. ARNOLD
SIMEON HUNT	SIMON SMITH
W^M MUMFORD	JOB SWEETING
MAT BOWLER	JOHN DEXTER

An Act for raising Two thousand four hundred Dollars for & towards the Erecting a Publick Edifice in the Town of Newport by the Name of MASONS HALL.

Whereas Robert Jenkins Junr Master, John Mawdsley & Samuel Brenton, Wardens & the Chief of the Society of Free & Accepted Masons, together with Sundry other persons Inhabitants of this Colony, did by Petition to the General Assembly at their present sessions, set forth "That the Town of Newport having no Building in it Sufficiently Large & Commodious for Publick Entertainments, where at any time the Govr or General Assembly might Occasionally Assemble & Dine & where any of his Majesty's Governors or Other Officers might be Publickly entertain'd, They the said Society have agreed to set on foot a Commodious Building under the Name of the MASONS HALL, for the Purposes afores^d but finding that their Fund would be unequal to the Expence did pray that a Lottery might be Granted them for raising 2400 Dollars for Carrying on and effecting the Building afores^d.

On Consideration whereof —

Be it Enacted by the Genl Assembly of s^d Colony & by the Authority of the same be it Enacted that the Sum of 2400 Dollars be forthwith rais'd by a Lottery to be Drawn in the Town of Newport and that the following be the Scheme thereof,

The Lottery to Consist of 4000 Tickets at 4 Doll^s Each 1113 of which to be fortunate without any Deduction.

N° of Prizes	1	of	1000	is	1000
	1	———	500	———	500
	2	———	200	———	400
	6	———	100	———	600
	6	———	75	———	450
	11	———	50	———	550
	38	———	30	———	1140
	48	———	20	———	960
	1000	———	8	———	8000
	1113				13600
	2887	ded^t for Build^g			2400
	4000	Tickets at 4 doll^rs Each			16000

And be it Enacted by the Authority afors^d that Thomas Cranston Esqr Godfrey Malbon J^r Esqr. Capt Silas Cook Mr Benj^a Mason, Mr Chris Champlin J^r & Mr Sol^o Townsend be the Directers of said Lottery, that they be under Oath for the faithful Discharge of their Trust and they Dispose of the Tickets & proceed to the Draw-

ing of s^{d} Lottery as soon as the same shall be fill'd & that they Give Security to the Genl Treasurer for the paym^{t} of the prizes.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the s^{d} sum of 2400 Dollars when Rais'd in manner afores^{d} shall be forthwith paid by the s^{d} Directors into the hands of the Treasurer of the said Society of Free and Accept^{d} Masons in the Town of Newport for the Time being, as a Fund for & towards the Carrying on & Compleating a Building to be Call'd by the Name of the MASONS HALL in s^{d} Town According to such plan & under the Inspection & Managem^{t} of such person or Persons as the s^{d} Society shall Devise & Appoint, & that the said Building when Erected shall serve & be improv'd for the Celebration of all Publick Feasts & Entertainm^{ts} as they may Occasionally happen & in which the Governor of the s^{d} Colony or the General Assembly thereof may be Immediately Concern'd, but for no Other purpose whatsoever without the Consent & Leave of the Society of Free & Accepted Masons be first had and Obtained.

And be it further Enacted that the Master Wardens & Society afores^{d} shall have full power & Authority to purchase & take to themselves & to their Successors a suitable Lot of Land Scituate in Newport afores^{d} whereon to erect the Building afores^{d} & that the same when Erected shall Vest in them & their Successors, subject to the Direction and Superintendance of the s^{d} Society or the Major part thereof.

And for as much as it may happen that Disputes & Controversies may Arise from time to time as well About the Building & repairing of s^{d} House, as the regulating & Government thereof, it is Necessary that the said Society have a Name in Law, Be it therefore Enacted that the Society aforesaid be & they are hereby Incorporated by the Name of the Master Wardens and Society of Free & Accepted Masons in the Town of Newport, and under that Name & Character may Sue & Defend in all Causes & Matters touching & Concerning the Building aforesaid.

And to prevent any Embezelm^{t} or Misaplication of the Sum of Money afores^{d} when rais'd it is further Enact^{d} that the Treasurer of said Society shall Give sufficient Security to the General Treasurer of said Colony to render an Account of the Money aforesaid and of the Application thereof when he shall be called upon so to do.

June 13. 1759 To the House of Mag^{ts}

Gent. Resolved that the aforewritten pass as an Act of this Assembly

Voted & Passed p. Order

J. LYNDON Clerk

Read the same Day in the Upper House & Concurred.

By Order Thos WARD, Secry.

NEWPORT, June 21st 5759.

R^{t} Worshipfull Sir

The inclosed Act of our General Assembly will open to you a design, set on foot by Our Society, in this Town for Building a

Lodge; And at the same time shew you that the Plan is approv'd by the Government, who have granted us a Lottery for compleating the work.

A Chief motive with the General Assembly for granting so great a fav^r to the Masons, was the Assurance we gave them, that the chief of the Tickets would be disposed of by and among our Fraternity in the neighbouring Colonies. And as we shall be very attentive, to fulfil our engagements with the Government, We have taken the liberty to address you upon this Occasion, begging the favour of your Influence, among the Brethren, of the Several Lodges under your direction: And to ask your kind Assistance, with theirs in disposing of our Tickets: Not in the least doubting but you will chearfully lend a hand to a work calculated to promote the Honor of Masonry And to further the charitable Ends, which we have in View.

We shall spare mentioning any other motives to engage your Assistance in this matter, the Spirit of Masonry alone will dictate more than we can say.

We have only to tender a Return of all the good Offices, you may render us when Occasion shall offer.

By Order of the Lodge.

I am with due Submission, & much sincerity,

R^t Wors: Sir

Your affectionate Brother

Na^t MUMFORD, Secry.

To the R^t Wors:

JEREMIAH GRIDLY Esqr

Provin^l Grand Master of N° America.

IX.

EARLY MASONIC PROCESSIONS IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, June 27th [1737.]

Friday last being the Feast of St John the Baptist, the annual meeting of the Free and Accepted Masons, they accordingly met. The Right Worshipful Mr. Robert Thomlinson, Grand Master, nominated and appointed his Grand officers for the next year ensuing, viz: Mr. Hugh McDaniel, Deputy Grand Master; Mr. Thomas Moffat (Doctor of Medicine), Senior Grand Warden; Mr. John Osborne, Junior Grand Warden; Mr. Benjamin Hallowell, Grand Treasurer; Mr. Francis Beteilhe, Grand Secretary. After which the Society attended the Grand Master in procession to his Excellency Governor Belcher's, and from thence the Governor was attended by the Grand Master and the Brotherhood to the Royal Exchange Tavern in King Street, where they had an elegant entertainment. *It being the first procession in America they appeared in the proper badges of their Order*, some gold and some silver. The procession was closed by the Grand Master. [We are indebted to Bro. W. J. Hughan for the above extract from the *St. James' Evening Post*, London, August 20. 1737.]

[The following poem appeared in the "American Apollo," a magazine printed in Boston, as the editor says in his first number, upon the first printing press manufactured in that city.]

MESSRS. PRINTERS,

The following historical scrap, *written by the late* JOSEPH GREEN, *Esq.*, *claims a place in the* Apollo. J. M.

We insert this, by particular desire, according to the original form.

A true and exact account of the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, by the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, at Boston in New England, on June the 26th, 1739, taken from the Boston Gazette, and rendered into Metre, that children may commit it to and retain it in their memory.

"*They might distinguish different noise*
"*Of horns, and pans, and dogs, and boys,*
"*And kettle drums whose sullen dub,*
"*Sounds like the hooping of a tub.*" — HUDIBRAS.

In Roman callendars we find,
Saint John the Baptist's feast assign'd,
To June the twenty-fourth, and he,
(For so all Masons do agree)
A famous Lodge in days of old,
In Jordan's wilderness did hold.
For this as legends us acquaint,
They made a *Patron*, of the Saint;
Right worshipful Bob THOMLINSON,
Having *this* duly thought upon;
The Lodge on Tuesday last did call,
To celebrate the festival;
For June the twenty-fourth was Sunday,
And Brother *BELCHER fasts on Monday;
So for the sake of eating dinner,
He *trick'd* the Saint to *please* the Sinner,
The Brethren, soon as this was known,
All met to walk about the town.

First Brother †WAGHORN was their choice,
Waghorn of sounding *fame* and *voice;*
At three, they to his house repair,
And having staid a little there,

* *His Excellency Jonathan Belcher, Esq., Governour of his Majesty's Province of Massachusetts Bay.*
† *Mr. Waghorn, Grand Sword Bearer.*

Proceeded onwards through the street,
Unto his Excellency's seat;
For as *this* Waghorn was a Brother
His Excellency was *another.*
Unlucky *name* it grieves full sore,
Waghorn and Belcher — but no more.
Here, having drank and giv'n the *sign*,
By which he was oblig'd to join,
From hence in *leather apron* drest
With tinsel *ribbons* on their breast,
In pompous order march'd the *train*,
First *two*, then *three*, then *two* again;
As thro' the street they pass'd along,
All *kinds* of *music* led the throng;
Trumpets and kettle drums were there,
And *horns too in the front* appear.
Thus they went on thro' various noises
To hear them *fiddle* at DEBLOIS's —
And thence came thro' another street,
To Brother *LUKE's to drink and eat;
For Luke was ordered to prepare,
Plenty of every dainty fare;
Tongues, hams, and lambs, green peas and chickens,
So that, in short, 'twas "*pretty* pickings."
Girls left their needle, Boys their book,
And crowded in the street to look;
And if from *laughing* we guess right,
They were much pleased with the sight.
All this by land — now follows after
The gallant show, upon the water.
The ship, that HOLLOWELL is named,
From HOLLOWELL, for building famed;
Of which their Brother Alexander
French was part owner and Commander;
Soon as appeared the Eastern Beam
This ship, haul'd off into the stream,
Red baize was tacked on the top,
And all the colours hoisted up,
And on the mizzen peak was spread,
A *leathern apron*, lin'd with *red.*
The men on board all day were glad,
And drank and smoked like any mad.
And from her sides three times did ring,
Great guns as loud as *any thing*,
But at the setting of the sun
Precisely, ceas'd the noise of gun,
All ornaments were taken down,
Jack, ensign, pendant and APRON.

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* *Luke Vardy, Innholder.*

[The following is a reprint of a rare pamphlet. A copy of the first edition (1750) is in the library of P.G.M. Samuel C. Lawrence, and a copy of the second edition (1795) in the library of the Grand Lodge of Mass. This version is from the latter.]

ENTERTAINMENT

FOR

A WINTER'S EVENING,

BEING A FULL AND TRUE ACCOUNT

OF A VERY

Strange and Wonderful Sight

Seen in BOSTON on the Twenty-seventh of December, 1749,

AT NOON-DAY.

The Truth of which can be attested by a GREAT NUMBER of People, who actually saw the same With their own eyes.

BY ME, THE HON. B. B. ESQ.,

(Alias Jos. Green, Esq.)

Primo progrediuntur anseres, dein vituli, grex asinaria sequitur. Templum aditum est. His omnibus vir sanctus praedicavit, multis populis circumstantibus.

Vet. Leg. lib. III. cap. 14.

BOSTON: Printed in the Year 1750.

Reprinted 1795.

O MUSE renown'd for story-telling,
Fair CLIO, leave thy airy dwelling,
Now while the streams like marble stand,
Held fast by Winter's icy hand;
Now while the hills are cloth'd in snow;
Now while the keen north-west winds blow;
From the bleak fields and chilling air
Unto the warmer hearth repair;
Where friends in chearful circle met
In social conversation sit.
Come, *Goddess*, and our ears regale
With a diverting Christmas tale.
O come, and in thy verse declare
Who were the men, and what they were,
And what their names, and what their fame,
And what the cause for which they came
To house of God from house of ale,
And how the parson told his tale:
How they return'd in manner odd,
To house of ale from house of God.

FREE MASONS, as the story goes,
Have two saints for their patrons chose:
And both SAINT JOHNS, one the *Baptist*,
The other the *Evangelist*.

The Baptist had a *Lodge* which stood,
Of old, by JORDAN's ancient flood.
But for what secret cause the other
Has been adopted for a *brother*,
They cannot and I will not say,
Nec scire fas est omnia.

The Masons by procession
Having already honour'd one,
(Thou, to perpetuate their glory,
CLIO, didst then relate the story,)
To show the world they mean fair play,
And that each saint should have his day,
Now order store of belly-timber
'Gainst twenty-seventh of *December*.
For that's the day of Saint John's feast,
Fix'd by the holy *Roman* priest.
They then in mood religious chose
Their *brother of the roll and rose* *
The ceremony to commence:
He from the sacred eminence
Must first explain, and then apply
The duties of FREE MASONRY.

At length in scarlet apron drest,
Forth rush'd the morning of the feast;
And now the bells in steeple play,
Hark, ding, dong, bells they chime away;
Until, with solemn toll and steady,
The great bell tells — the parson's ready.

Masons at church!! strange auditory!!
And yet we have as strange in story.
For saints, as history attests,
Have preach'd to fishes, birds and beasts;
Yea stones so hard, tho' strange, 'tis true,
Have sometimes been their hearers too.†
So good Saint FRANCIS, man of grace,
Himself preach'd to the *braying race;*
And further, as the story passes,
Address'd them thus — *my brother asses.*‡
Just so old BRITISH WEREBURGA,
As ecclesiastic writers say,§
Harrangued the *geese* both far and wide,
Just so the *geese* were edify'd.

* Rev. Mr. Brockwell.

† *Vide Spec. Exemplor. Cæs. Dial. Lib. IV. cap.* 98. *Benevent de Vit. S. Franc. cap.* 8. *Capgr. Nov. legend. fol.* 160, *Anton. Chron. P. III. tit.* 24, *c.* 2, § 5.

‡ *Fratres Asini, orem vos ut sileatis, nec inturbetis Verbum Dei quod sitienti huic populo propono. Wadding, Annal. A* 1213, *N.* 8. We see he, too, had a *thirsty audience.*

§ *Frat. Cress. Hist. Eccles. Lib. XVII. c.* 17.

The crowds attending gaze around,
And awful silence reigns profound,
Till from the seat which he'd sat fast on
Uprose and thus began the parson.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL*, at whose command
Obedient I in *Rostra* stand;
It proper is and fit to show
Unto the crowds that gape below,
Who wonder much, and well they may,
What on th' occasion I can say;
Why in the church are met together,
Especially in such cold weather,
Such folk as never did appear
So overfond of coming there.
Know then, my friends, without more pother,
That these are MASONS, I'm a BROTHER,
Masons, said I? — yes, MASONS FREE;
Their *deeds* and *title* both agree.
While other sects fall out and fight
About a trifling mode or rite,
We firm by *Love* cemented stand,
'Tis *Love* unites us heart and hand,
Love to a party not confin'd,
A *Love* embracing all mankind,
Both catholic and protestant,
The *Scots* and eke *New England* saint;
Antonio's† followers, and those
Who've CRISPIN‡ for their patron chose,
And them, who to their idol goose
Oft sacrifice the blood of louse.§

Those who with razor bright and keen,
And careful hand, each morn are seen,
Devoting to Saint NICHOLAS ‖
The manly honours of the face.
Him too who works, ah! cruel deed!
The fatal, tough, MUSCOVIAN weed!
And twists the suffocating string
In which devoted wretches swing,
(And O may gracious Heaven defend
The *brethren* from dishonest end,)
Whose cauldrons smoke with juice of Pine,
An offering to Saint CATHARINE.¶
O PINE salubrious! from thy veins

* Thomas Oxnard, Esq.
† Antonio is the Patron of Sailors.
‡ Crispin, the Patron of Shoemakers.
§ It is conjectured that the Taylors are here meant.
‖ St. Nicholas, the Patron of Barbers.
¶ St. Catharine, the Patroness of Rope-makers.

Distils the cure of human pains.
Hail SACRED TREE! * to thee I owe
This freedom from a world of woe,
My heart tho' grateful, weak my strain,
To show thy worth I strive in vain.
Could THRACIAN ORPHEUS but impart
His tuneful lyre and matchless art;
And would propitious fates decree
Old NESTOR's length of days to me,
That lyre, that art, that length of days,
I'd spend in singing forth thy praise.
Still thou shall never want my blessing;—
—But to return from thus digressing.

RHODE-ISLAND's differing, motley tribes,
Far more than ALEC. ROSS describes,
And light that's *new*, and light that's *old*,
We in our friendly arms enfold,
Free, generous and unconfin'd,
To outward shape or inward mind.
The high and low, the great and small,
James Perkins short, and *Aston* tall,
Johnson as bulky as a house
And *Wethred* smaller than a louse,
The grave and merry, dull and witty,
The fair and brown, deform'd and pretty,
We all agree, both wet and dry,
From drunken *Luke* to sober I.

And *Hugh*—But hark, methinks I hear
One shrewdly whisp'ring in my ear:
"Pray, Parson, don't affirm but prove;
"Do they all meet and part in love?
"Quarrels ofttimes don't they delight in,
"And now and then a little fighting?
"Did there not (for the SECRET's out)
"In the last LODGE arise a rout?
"*Mackenzey* with a fist of brass
"Laid *Trail's* nose level with his face,
"And scarcely had he let his hand go,
"When he receiv'd from *Trail* a d——d blow,
"Now, parson, when a nose is broken,
"Pray, is it friendly *sign* or *token?*"
'Tis true, but trifling is th' objection,
All general rules have an exception.
Oft from themselves the best men vary,

* The Pine was sacred to the Goddess Cybele, who was very skilful in Physick and preserved men's lives. She no doubt drew her Remedies from this salutiferous Tree, and perhaps was not unacquainted with the Virtues of Tar-Water. Hence this Tree was held sacred to her by the Ancients.

Humanum enim est errare.
But what I've said, I'll say again,
And what I say I will maintain:
'Tis *Love*, pure *Love*, cements the whole,
Love —— of the BOTTLE and the Bowl.

But 'tis high time to let you go
Where you had rather be, I know;
And by proceeding I delay
The weightier business of the day;
For eating *solid sense* affords,
Whilst nonsense lurks in many words.
Doubting does oft arise from thinking,
But truth is only found in drinking.
This having said the reverend vicar
Dismiss'd them to their food and liquor.

From church to STONE's they go to eat,
In order walking through the street;
But no *Right Worshipful* was there,
PALLAS forbad him to appear;
For, well foreseeing that the jobb
Would from all parts collect a mob,
He wisely catch'd a cold and staid
At home, at least, if not in bed.
So when the GREEKS 'gainst TROJANS went,
ACHILLES tarry'd in his tent;
Asham'd he hides himself, nor draws
His conquering sword in harlot's cause.

See *Buck* before the apron'd throng
Marches with sword and book along;
The stately ram, with courage bold,
So stalks before the fleecy fold,
And so the gander, on the brink
Of river, leads his geese to drink,
And so the geese descend from gab'ling
On the dry land, in stream to dab'ling.

Three with their white sticks next are seen,
One on each side and one between;
Plump *Lewis** marches on the right,
Round as a hoop, as bottle tight,
With face full orb'd and rosy too;
So ruddy CYNTHIA oft we view,
When she. from tippling eastern streams,
First throws about her evening beams.
'Tis he the *brethren* all admire,

* Lewis Turner.

Him for their steward they require.
'Tis he they view with wondering eyes,
'Tis he their utmost art defies;
For though with nicest skill they work all,
None of them e'er could square his circle.

Next *Belcher* with *MacDaniel* passes;
Though *brothers*, how unlike their faces!
So limners better represent
By artful contrast what they paint.

Who's he comes next? 'Tis *Pue* by name,
Pue by his nose well known to fame;
This, when the generous juice recruits,
Around a brighter radiance shoots.
So, on some promontory's height,
For NEPTUNE's sons the signal light
Shines fair, and fed by unctuous stream,
Sends off to sea a livelier beam.

But see the crowds, with what amaze
They on the 'pothecary * gaze!
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Aston, high rising o'er the rest,
With his tall head and ample chest;
So towering stands the tree of JOVE,
And proud o'erlooks the neighboring grove.

Where's honest Luke,† that cook from London,
For without *Luke* the LODGE is undone.
'Twas he who oft dispell'd their sadness,
And fill'd the *Brethren's* hearts with gladness.
For them his ample bowls o'erflow'd,
His table groan'd beneath its load;
For them he stretched his utmost art;
Their honours grateful they impart.
Luke in return is made a *brother*,
As *good* and *true* as any other;
And still, though broke with age and wine,
Preserves the *token* and the *sign*.

But still I see a numerous train:
Shall they, alas! unsung remain?
Sage *Hallowel* of public soul,

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* Doct. Aston. † Luke Vardy.

And laughing *Frank* ,* friend to the bowl,
Meek *Rea*, half smother'd in the crowd,
And *Rowe* who sings at church so loud,
Tall *De la Rue*, of GALLIC City,
Short *Box*, who trips along so pretty,
Bayard so truss, with gut well fed,
Who to the hungry deals his bread,
And twenty more crowd on my fancy,
All *brothers* — and that's all you can say.

Whene'er for aiding nature frail,
Poor bawd must follow the cart's-tail,
As through fair LONDON's streets she goes,
The mob, like fame, by moving grows;
They should'ring close, press, stink and shove
Scarcely can the *procession* move.
Just such a street-collected throng
Guarded the *Brotherhood* along;
Just such the noise, just such the roar,
Heard from behind and from before,
'Till *lodg'd* at STONE's, nor more pursu'd,
The mob with three huzzas conclude.

And now, withdrawn from public view,
What did the *brethren* say and do?
Had I the force of STENTOR's lungs,
A voice of brass, a hundred tongues;
My tongues and voice and lungs would fail,
Ere I had finish'd half my tale;
Ere I had told their names and nation,
Their virtues, arts and occupation;
Or, in fit strains had half made known
What words were spoke, what deeds were done.
CLIO, 'tis thou alone canst show 'em,
For thou'rt a goddess and must know 'em.

But now suppress thy further rhyme,
And tell the rest another time.
Once more, perhaps, the *apron'd train*
Hereafter may invite thy strain;
Then, CLIO, with descendent wing,
Shall downward fly again and sing.

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* Frank Johonnot.

[NOTE. *Aston* was an apothecary and grocer; *Hallowel*, here referred to, was probably Captain Benjamin Hallowel, an active and influential Mason; *John Rea*, was a ship-chandler, and kept in Butler's Row; *John Rowe*, afterwards Grand Master, was a distinguished merchant and importer, and lived in Essex Street, and was the owner of Rowe's pasture, through which Rowe street once ran; *Buck* was the Tyler of St. John's Grand Lodge.]

[The poet, who dealt so wittily, but so irreverently with the Craft in the two *poems* above set forth, was Joseph Green, who, during the greater part of a long life-time, maintained the reputation of being the foremost wit of his day. He was born in Boston in 1706, in the same year with Benjamin Franklin. He graduated at Harvard College, at the age of twenty. He at once engaged in business as a distiller and continued in mercantile pursuits for many years, thereby acquiring a large fortune. Without taking a prominent part in politics, his pen was always ready, when any opportunity for satire was offered, to improve it for the columns of the newspaper, or the more pretentious pamphlet. As Dr. Byles, a rival wit, said of him, "Ambition fired the 'stiller's pate." His effusions attracted much attention, and excited much merriment. One of the most ambitious of them was the "Winter Evening's Entertainment." Of course many of its statements are grossly extravagant, but it is characteristic of the time, and amusing — even at this day. We have been obliged to change one word and to omit four lines as not suited to "ears polite."

Green was a loyalist. He fled to England in 1775, where he passed the remainder of his life in retirement. He died in 1780. A humorous epitaph, written by one of his friends in 1743, indicates the popular estimate of his talents: —

Sister Viator, here lies one
Whose life was whim, whose soul was pun;
And if you go too near his hearse,
He'll joke you both in prose and verse.]

[The Massachusetts Centinel, May 16, 1787.]

Mr. Russell,

The following versification of a letter describing a late publick Spectacle, *is as near the original as possible — if you think proper you may hand it to the publick, through the Centinel.* Yours,

P. Q.

Dear Cousin,
I promised you, when I got to this monstrous great city,
I'd write you *every thing* new, *whimsical* and pretty;
And to convince you that I meant something more than profession,
I am *now set down* to describe a late fun'ral procession —
This was such a *fine sight*, as my eyes did never behold!
All FREE MASONS, deck'd with rich collars of silver and gold!
With their leather aprons on too, white as the driven snow,
Not aprons to work in — but painted to make a grand show!
And then to see how *lovingly* they all marched along,
Treading time (which I tho't very odd) to the tune of a song;
But AUNT NELL says, they are *Papishes* — for that reason she urges,
They at a dead brother's procession, play fun'ral dirges.
It they had but a *Band*, in lieu of a drum and fife,
I should have been better pleas'd, than e'er I was in my life;
There was so much *true gravity*, and *sound brotherly* love,
You would have sworn that *Masonry* came down from above.
And in the *Craft* there is a *certain Grip* for every brother,

By means of which, in the darkest night, they know one another.
And so at all publick processions, they walk *hand in hand*,
As much as to say, that each other's purse-strings they command—
For in a moment, all sects, *Christians*, *Turks*, *Gentiles*, and *Jews*,
The feelings of nature, pride, malice, and prejudice lose,
Forget all distinctions, old grudges and animosities,
Setting examples of friendship, and its reciprocities.
But not to tire your patience, with any longer digression,
I will now proceed with this most noble procession—

And first, then, there were four *stout men* who walked on before,
With dreadful drawn swords, that have doubtless kill'd thousands and more.
These were all made out of Sextons, whom the Lodges dub *Tylers*,
Dreadful to all those who of the Craft, are foes and revilers.
Then followed another, with the *Law Code* of the society,
Tho' some folks suppos'd it the Bible—a sign of their piety!
But although they trace their origin from this quite back to Adam,
Should you but suspect them of FAITH, you confoundedly mad 'em!
Then presently some came, with staves, like a warden's long pole,
Some with such short ones, what *they* can do, I can't tell for my soul.
Some had on their aprons pretty pictures, *suns*, *moons*, and *stars!*
Little silver trowels in their hands, iv'ry *levels* and *squares*,
Such as our good Dutch friends send over, our children to please,
But what can men do in a lodge with such baubles as these?
You have doubtless heard, or read of a certain heathen philosopher,
Who aver'd all mankind were knaves, only with a gloss over;
And therefore the *whole race*, at one good stroke to satirize,
With a lighted candle, at high noon day to help his eyes,
Set out to search the city where he liv'd, for an honest man:
Well the FREE MASONS have adopted the old fellow's plan,
For *here*, *Jew*, *Gentile*, and *Christian*, each in their proper station,
Held a lighted taper, to find an honest man of their nation,
But I am afraid their researches will all prove in vain,
'Till the miller chucks all into his mill, to grind o'er again!
There are many more matters that yet remain to be told,
But my time is too short, the paper is full as it can hold.
My next shall give you a fuller detail of this procession:
Interim adieu, yours affectionately, with honest profession.

TIMOTHY TWITCHER, JR.

X.

TABLE OF LODGES CHARTERED BY MASSACHUSETTS GRAND LODGES, FROM 1733 TO 1792, INCLUSIVE, WITH THEIR ORIGINAL LOCATIONS, AND DATES OF GRANTING OF WARRANTS OR CHARTERS.

CHARTERS GRANTED BY ST. JOHN'S GRAND LODGE.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	STATE OR COUNTRY.	DATE OF GRANTING OF CHARTER.
[1] FIRST	Boston	Massachusetts	July 30, 1733
[2] FIRST LODGE IN PENNSYLVANIA	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	June 24, 1734
[3] ST. JOHN'S	Portsmouth	New Hampshire	June 24, 1735
FIRST LODGE IN SOUTH CAROLINA	Charleston	South Carolina	December 27, 1735
[4] ANNAPOLIS-ROYAL	Annapolis-Royal	Nova Scotia	—— —, 1738
FIRST LODGE IN WEST INDIES	Antigua	West Indies	—— —, 1738
MASTER'S	Boston	Massachusetts	January 2, 1738
ST. JOHN'S	St. John's	Newfoundland	December 24, 1746
SECOND	Boston	Massachusetts	February 15, 1749
THIRD	Boston	Massachusetts	March 7, 1749
ST. JOHN'S	Newport	Rhode Island	December 27, 1749
[5] HALIFAX	Halifax	Nova Scotia	July 19, 1750
[6] ANNAPOLIS	Annapolis	Maryland	August 12, 1750
[7] HIRAM	New Haven	Connecticut	August 12, 1750

[8] NEW LONDON	New London	Connecticut	January 12, 1753
[9] ST. JOHN'S	Middletown	Connecticut	February 4, 1754
[10] LAKE GEORGE (Army)	Crown Point	New York	May 13, 1756
ST. JOHN'S	Providence	Rhode Island	January 18, 1757
[11] LOUISBOURG (Army)	Louisbourg	Nova Scotia	November 13, 1758
MASTER'S	Newport	Rhode Island	March 20, 1759
[12] CROWN POINT (Army)	Lake George	New York	April 13, 1759
PHILANTHROPIC	Marblehead	Massachusetts	March 25, 1760
[13] HAMPSHIRE		Massachusetts	April 8, 1761
SURINAM	Surinam	Dutch Guiana	April 8, 1761
[14] CROWN POINT (Army)	Crown Point	New York	March 20, 1762
FALMOUTH	Falmouth, *now* Portland, Me.	Massachusetts	March 20, 1762
ST. JOHN'S	Hartford	Connecticut	April 9, 1762
[15] TEMPLE	Elizabeth Town	New Jersey	July 28, 1762
QUEBEC	Quebec, P.Q.	Canada	October 26, 1764
[16] PITT COUNTY	Pitt County	North Carolina	Before Dec. 10, 1764
[HARMONY]	Waterbury	Connecticut	July 26, 1765
[17] ST. JOHN'S	Princeton	New Jersey	October 25, 1765
[18] ST. JOHN'S	Newburyport	Massachusetts	July 17, 1766
BARBADOES	Barbadoes	West Indies	October 24, 1766
NORWICH	Norwich	Connecticut	October 24, 1766
[19] SALEM	Salem	Massachusetts	October 24, 1766
ST. CHRISTOPHER	St. Christopher	West Indies	October 24, 1766
[20] VIRGINIA		Virginia	October 24, 1766
[COMPASS]	Wallingford	Connecticut	May 1, 1769
UNION	Sherburne (Nantucket)	Massachusetts	May 27, 1771
[21] GUILFORD	Guilford	Connecticut	July 10, 1771

CHARTERS GRANTED BY ST. JOHN'S GRAND LODGE. — *Concluded.*

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	STATE OR COUNTRY.	DATE OF GRANTING OF CHARTER.
[22] RISING SUN	Boston	Massachusetts	July 24, 1772
[AMERICAN] UNION (Army)	Roxbury	Massachusetts	February 15, 1776
UNION	Danbury	Connecticut	March 23, 1780

[1] This Lodge was originally styled "The First Lodge in Boston," and is usually named in the Record as the "First Lodge." Under date of July 24, 1772 (p. 195), it is referred to as "St. John's Lodge."

[2] This Warrant was issued, as the Record states, at the request of Benjamin Franklin and others, and was probably intended to give the sanction of duly constituted authority to an irregular and unauthorized association of Brethren who had been working together for two or three years in ignorance of the requirements of the Grand Constitutions of 1723.

[3] The imperfections in the Records as to Dispensations or Warrants are probably to be attributed to the fact that they were frequently granted by the Grand Master, in the interval between Communications of the Grand Lodge, and no report made by him of such action. The date of the first mention in the Record is generally given, unless an earlier date has been obtained from some other reliable source.

[4] See "Proceedings, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts," 1891, pp. 24–30.

[5] The date is given in the "Ahiman Rezon" of Nova Scotia (1786), as the day when the Warrant was received and the first meeting held.

[6] This Lodge is known to have been in existence as early as December 27, 1749. See "Schultz's History of Freemasonry in Maryland," Vol. III., p. 258.

[7] This Lodge is first mentioned under date of April 13, 1750, in the List of Lodges.

[8] The name of "Union" was given in 1796, by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

[9] The "Early Records of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut" give the date of this Warrant as February 14. Probably a typographical error.

[10] Issued to Richard Gridley, "in the Present Expedition against Crown Point."

[11] Attached to the 28th (British) Regiment of Foot.

[12] Issued to Abraham Savage, "in the present Expedition intended against Canada."

[13] We know nothing of this Lodge, except that the name appears only on p. 71 of these Records.

[14] It would appear from pp. 91 and 92 of these Records that a Deputation was granted, on or about March 20, 1762, to Col. Joseph Ingersoll, then stationed at Crown Point.

[15] The first time the Lodge is mentioned in these Records is in a letter dated July 28, 1762.

[16] The first mention of this Lodge is in the Grand Treasurer's account under date of December 10, 1765. As that account was rendered in January, 1765, we assume that there is a clerical error, and that the Lodge was chartered before December 10, 1764.

[17] Past Grand Master Whitehead, in his "Historical Sketch of Masonry in New Jersey," p. xv, gives the date as December 27, 1763.

[18] This Lodge is first named on p. 109, under date of October 24, 1766.

[19] This Warrant is not mentioned in the list of Lodges appended to the Constitutions of 1857.

[20] "Virginia Lodge" is named three times in the Records, but no information is given in regard to it.

[21] Name of "St. Albans" assumed in 1797.

[22] The Warrant was granted July 24, 1772, but was dated August 10, 1772. It was issued to eighteen members of St. John's Lodge of Boston. On the 25th of November, 1791, the two Lodges were authorized to reunite.

CHARTERS GRANTED BY MASSACHUSETTS GRAND LODGE.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	STATE OR COUNTRY.	DATE OF GRANTING OF CHARTER.
TYRIAN	Gloucester	Massachusetts	March 2, 1770
MASSACHUSETTS	Boston	Massachusetts	May 13, 1770
ST. PETER'S	Newburyport	Massachusetts	March 6, 1772
BERKSHIRE	Stockbridge	Massachusetts	March 8, 1777
TRINITY	Lancaster	Massachusetts	January 30, 1778
UNITED STATES	Danvers	Massachusetts	May 1, 1778
WARREN	Machias	Maine	September 4, 1778
ESSEX	Salem	Massachusetts	March 9, 1779
[1] FRIENDSHIP (French)	Boston	Massachusetts	March 9, 1779
UNITY	Ipswich	Massachusetts	March 9, 1779
AMITY	Beverly	Massachusetts	September 3, 1779
WASHINGTON (Army)	Travelling	United States	October 6, 1779
ST. PATRICK'S	Portsmouth	New Hampshire	March 17, 1780
WOOSTER	Colchester	Connecticut	January 12, 1781
[1] PERFECT UNION (French)	Boston	Massachusetts	May 8, 1781
ST. PAUL'S	Litchfield	Connecticut	May 22, 1781
VERMONT	Cornish	Vermont	November 8, 1781
[2] ST. ANDREW'S	Boston	Massachusetts	March 1, 1782
[3] POUGHKEEPSIE(?)	Poughkeepsie(?)	New York	September 6, 1782
KING HIRAM	Derby	Connecticut	January 3, 1783

CHARTERS GRANTED BY MASSACHUSETTS GRAND LODGE. — *Concluded.*

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	STATE OR COUNTRY.	DATE OF GRANTING OF CHARTER.
[4] MONTGOMERY	Salisbury	Connecticut	March 5, 1783
KING SOLOMON'S	Charlestown	Massachusetts	September 5, 1783
HAMPSHIRE	Northampton	Massachusetts	January 30, 1784
RISING SUN	Keene	New Hampshire	March 5, 1784
[2] RISING STATES	Boston	Massachusetts	September 2, 1784
NORTH STAR	Manchester	Vermont	January 19, 1785
COLUMBIA	Norwich	Connecticut	July 23, 1785
FRIENDSHIP	Williamstown	Massachusetts	July 23, 1785
FREDERICK	Farmington	Connecticut	September 18, 1787
FAITHFUL	Charlestown	New Hampshire	February 22, 1788
DARTMOUTH	Hanover	New Hampshire	December 18, 1788
HARMONIC	Boston	Massachusetts	December 8, 1790

[1] The Charter of Friendship Lodge was "vacated" May 8, 1781, and a new Charter granted to certain members, under the title of "Perfect Union" Lodge.

[2] The members of St. Andrew's Lodge, holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, divided on the question of allegiance to the newly-established, independent Grand Lodge. The minority acknowledged such allegiance, and received a Charter under the old name, while the majority adhered to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and retained the old name and Charter. The name of the new Lodge, on its own request, was changed to "Rising States," September 2, 1784, retaining its rank as No. 1.

[3] The Record recites that the petition of John Copp and others, "for holding a Lodge in the State of New York," was granted. No further information as to location is given. We learn from the "History of Freemasonry in New York," Vol. I., pp. 293, 294, that Bro. John Copp was a member of Solomon's Lodge, No. 1, of Poughkeepsie, in 1781–1782.

[4] This Lodge is first named in the Record of June 2, 1785, but the "Early Records of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut" give the date of the Charter as March 5, 1783.

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